

SB191 ESTABLISH SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To establish the Breakfast After The Bell Program for public schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB196 AGGRAVATED BULLYING-OFFENSE CREATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Edna Brown) To create the offense of aggravated bullying, a third-degree misdemeanor

STATUS: Senate Judiciary Committee

SB197 SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Edna Brown) To require a tiered disciplinary procedure for harassment, intimidation, or bullying in school; to require annual student instruction about preventing such acts; and to create the offense of aggravated bullying as a third-degree misdemeanor

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB199 OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni, Sen. Cliff Hite) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Introduced

SB203 MUNICIPAL TAX RULE REINSTATEMENT (Sen. Matt Dolan) To reinstate the municipal income tax "throw-back rule" used in apportioning business income among municipalities

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB209 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS-TIF (Sen. William Coley, Sen. John Eklund) To modify the conditions that determine the relative priority of property tax exemptions when a parcel subject to a tax increment financing arrangement concurrently qualifies for another exemption

STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee

SB213 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING PLAN (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To enhance economic and employment opportunities and improve local infrastructure in Ohio by providing additional assistance to workforce development and employment programs; establishing a revolving loan program for small businesses seeking to expand operations; extending job tax credits to smaller businesses; enabling expanded participation in public sector contracting by smaller companies; enhancing support for childcare centers; funding additional local infrastructure and public transit; authorizing tax incentives for hiring military veterans, for donating money to local programs assisting distressed communities, or for improving distressed property; exempting the homes of disabled veterans from property taxation; terminating the income tax deduction and reduced tax rate for business income; and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB216 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEREGULATION ACT (Sen. Matt Huffman) To enact the "Ohio Public School Deregulation Act" regarding the administration of preschool and primary and secondary education programs

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended

SB225 OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni, Sen. John Eklund) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB226 SALES TAX HOLIDAY-SCHOOL SAFETY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a permanent three-day sales tax "holiday" each August during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use tax, to authorize a county school financing district property tax for school safety, security, and mental health services, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

SB239 REGIONAL COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS (Sen. Matt Dolan) To modify the law concerning regional councils of governments

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House State & Local Government Committee

SB240 REGARDING TEACHER EVALUATIONS (Sen. Peggy Lehner) With regard to teacher evaluations

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB241 ACCREDITED NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CATEGORY (Sen. Louis Terhar, Sen. Cecil Thomas) To establish a category of nonpublic schools called "accredited nonpublic schools" and to prescribe requirements and exemptions for such schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB246 STUDENT SAFETY ACT (Sen. Peggy Lehner, Sen. Gayle Manning) To enact the "SAFE Act" to revise the procedures for emergency removal of a student, to prohibit certain suspensions and expulsions of students in grades prekindergarten through three, to require each public school to implement a positive behavior intervention and supports framework in accordance with state standards, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee – Reported out as amended; Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0

SB258 AWARDING SCHOOL SAFETY FUNDS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To require the State Board of Education to establish criteria and procedures for the awarding of school safety funds to school districts and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB262 EATING DISORDER EDUCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require public schools annually to provide parents of students in any of grades five through twelve with educational information regarding eating disorders

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB266 CAPITAL BUDGET (Sen. Scott Oelslager) To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects and to make reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2020

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB276 EXPULSION OF STUDENTS (Sen. Jay Hottinger) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for actions that endanger the health and safety of other students or school employees

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB287 K-12 HEALTH EDUCATION STANDARDS (Sen. Vernon Sykes) To require the State Board of Education to develop and adopt health education standards for grades kindergarten through twelve and to require only venereal disease education standards and curriculum adopted by the State Board to be approved by concurrent resolution of the General Assembly

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB289 THREATS OF SCHOOL VIOLENCE (Sen. Stephanie Kunze) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for communicating a threat of violence to occur on school grounds

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB293 REDUCTION OF AGENCY REGULATIONS (Sen. Bob Peterson, Sen. Robert McColley) To require agencies to reduce the number of regulatory restrictions

STATUS: Senate Transportation, Commerce & Workforce Committee

SB294 PILOT PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS (Sen. John Eklund, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To increase the maximum amount that may be awarded to students under the Pilot Project (Cleveland) Scholarship Program

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB302 HEALTH AND EQUITY INITIATIVE (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To create the Health and Equity in All Policies Initiative and the Health and Equity Interagency Team

STATUS: Introduced

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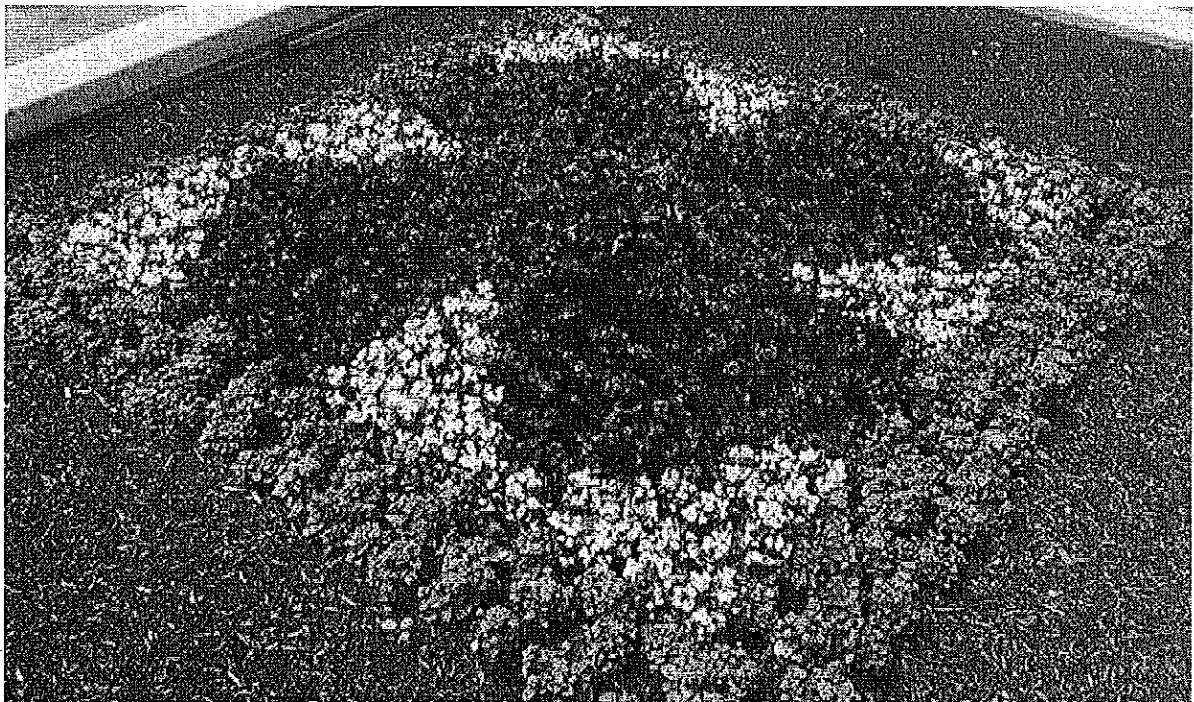
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Capitol Letter

Laura Hancock and Jeremy Pelzer



A garden bed on the north side of the Ohio Statehouse showcases a poppy quilt design to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. (Laura Hancock/cleveland.com)

Rotunda Rumblings

The long and winding road: Meeting for a voting session for the first time in about eight weeks, the House adopted a long list of bills, including a measure that would restrict payday lenders' rates to 28 percent, down from an average 591 percent, writes cleveland.com's Laura Hancock. House Bill 123 now heads to the Senate, where there are plenty of opportunities for the bill to be altered or to sink.

Payday lender or loan shark? Is there really a difference between those two terms. Cleveland.com's Eric Heisig has a piece exploring the question, along with some interesting history on the short-term loan.

One step for man, one giant leap for dogkind... Hancock reports that dogs are one step closer to lawfully accompanying their people to dinner, as long as they're chilling in outdoor restaurant patios. The Ohio Senate passed a measure to allow restaurant owners to choose if they want pups on patios.

Clearing the backlog: In all, the Ohio House on Thursday passed 17 bills, including measures to prohibit hospitals from forcing nurses to work overtime (House Bill 456) and allow payouts to Ohioans who are wrongfully imprisoned because of withheld evidence (House Bill 411). House members also concurred with the Senate's changes to an additional 11 bills. Among them: House Bill 225, which aims to help plug 700 orphaned and abandoned oil and gas wells in the state.

Leneghan to challenge OH-12 results: Republican Melanie Leneghan is drawing up paperwork to contest the results of last month's 12th Congressional District primary, claiming Muskingum County elections officials violated Ohio law by opening ballot containers before starting a recount. But an Ohio secretary of state's office spokesman told cleveland.com's Jeremy Pelzer that "there doesn't appear to be anything improper going on."

More cones of shame could come to Ohio: The House adopted a bill to

give veterinarians continuing education credit for offering free spay and neuter services. House Bill 433 heads to the Senate.

Pay raises ahead: The House also undertook a number of bills that had been adopted by the Senate and contained “emergency clauses,” or time-sensitive provisions. One of those bills was House Bill 292. Two weeks ago the Senate amended the bill to give 11,000 exempt state employees who are not members of unions a 2.75 pay raise to match the raise Ohio’s largest public employees union had negotiated in its collective bargaining agreement. The raise will go into effect, assuming Gov. John Kasich signs it, during the pay period that includes July 1.

Commercial break is over: A month after the barrage of 12th Congressional District primary television ads stopped, a new wave of special-election ads is about to hit the Central Ohio airwaves. The Congressional Leadership Fund, a super PAC with ties to House GOP leadership, has purchased \$165,000 worth of broadcast TV ads between Friday and next Tuesday, according to Medium Buying, a political ad tracker.

Chairman Ryan: House Speaker Ryan Smith used to chair the influential House Finance Committee and has now given that job to Rep. Scott Ryan, a Columbus-area Republican.

A little work, a little play? Since the Ohio House went without a session for roughly eight weeks as a battle over the next speaker dragged on, new Speaker Ryan Smith has a full schedule planned for the chamber for the rest of the month – a time when lawmakers are usually on recess. The House will meet on June 20 and June 27, according to an updated House schedule. Smith said there will be a light committee meeting schedule, if any meet at all.

PEP in their step: PEP Connections, a Cuyahoga County behavioral health program for at-risk youth, will stay afloat for at least another year thanks to an appropriation added to a medical anti-discrimination bill, if Kasich signs off, cleveland.com's Jackie Borchardt reports. The program faced a funding cliff July 1 because the state was ending a decades-long Medicaid waiver covering some of its costs to coincide with moving

Medicaid behavioral health care payments to the managed care model. House Bill 332 gives the program \$2.5 million to use this year, and lawmakers hope the program can be replicated across the state.

Getting their day in (administrative) court: Hearings resume this month for medical marijuana cultivation applicants who appealed the state's licensing decisions, Borchardt reports. The Department of Commerce put the hearings on hold in February after it discovered a scoring error and hired Ernst & Young to make sure scores for all 185 applicants checked out. The agency released Ernst & Young's initial report validating those scores on Thursday.

Your brain on drugs: The White House has a new anti-opioid ad campaign designed for shock value. It features the true stories of young people, including one from Ohio, who go to desperate lengths — including breaking their own bones — to get the addictive painkillers. Cleveland.com's Sabrina Eaton has the details and video of the commercials.

Get out of my way: U.S. Rep. Dave Joyce has introduced a bipartisan bill that would keep the federal government from interfering with states like Ohio that have legalized marijuana, Eaton reports. "We should trust the people of the states, like Ohio, who have voted to implement responsible common-sense regulations and requirements for the use, production, and sale of cannabis," said a statement from Joyce. "If the people of these states have decided to provide help for those veterans and others suffering from pain and other health issues, we should allow them access without government interference."

Uncle Joe supporting Sherrod: Former Vice President Joe Biden will headline a fundraiser for U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown in Cleveland later this month, reports cleveland.com's Andrew Tobias. The appearance suggests Biden, a possible 2020 contender, is keeping his contacts fresh with Ohio Democrats. Brown is running for re-election against Republican U.S. Rep. Jim Renacci.

Kasich in Foreign Affairs: Ohio Gov. John Kasich laid out his case for a more open and globally engaged America in a lengthy piece that published

in Foreign Affairs on Thursday. The essay, which touches on things like international trade, immigration and diplomacy with China, is the latest expression of Kasich's ongoing "Two Paths" mantra rebuking President Donald Trump.

Luck of the draw: Year-over-year revenues at gambling facilities in the Cleveland area in May were down 5 percent, while elsewhere across Ohio they were flat, writes cleveland.com's Rich Exner. An executive for JACK Casino in Cleveland said the drop is "100 percent attributable" to slightly luckier outcomes for players at the casino's table games.

Federal judges nominated: President Donald Trump on Thursday nominated two young attorneys to federal judicial spots on the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati, Heisig writes. They are Eric Murphy, 39, and Chad Readler, 45. Murphy is the state solicitor under Attorney General Mike DeWine. Readler is the principal deputy assistant attorney general in the Justice Department's civil division, and previously was chairman of the board for the Ohio Alliance for Public Charter Schools. Sen. Sherrod Brown said he would not support the nominees because he's not convinced they will support the rights of Ohioans, Heisig reports.

On the outs: "Ohio House Democrats took the highly unusual step Thursday of voting to kick Rep. Bernadine Kennedy Kent out of their caucus — and one or more of them are considering taking legal action against her," writes Jim Siegel of the Columbus Dispatch. Kennedy Kent, of Columbus, drew the ire of her colleagues when she wrote a letter to city officials using the signatures of members of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus without their permission, Siegel reports.

Full Disclosure

Five things we learned from Springfield Republican Rep. Kyle Koehler's April 9 financial disclosure statement.

1. Koehler's first name actually is Jerome.
2. He reported earning \$100,000 or more in 2017 as vice president of

design at K.K. Tool Co. He earned \$65,476 last year as a representative, according to the Ohio Treasurer's office.

3. He received \$113.76 in gifts or meals from lobbyists last year, including a \$51.74 unspecified gift from the Ohio Quarter Horse Association and attended Alvis Inc.'s 180 Degree Impact Luncheon, worth \$50.

4. The Ohio House Republican Organizational Committee paid \$2,371.20 for Koehler's travel.

5. At some point in 2017 he owed at least \$1,000 to Ally on a car loan, MBNA on a car loan and an MBNA credit card.

Birthdays

Amanda Wurst, vice president of communications, Remington Road Group

Straight From The Source

"The problem with this approach is, I think you're seeing an escalation that may result in both higher tariffs -- which is bad for our exporters, our farmers, our service providers, our factory workers -- but also bad for our consumers because you're going to see tariffs or taxes going up on both sides. 〽 0

- Republican Ohio U.S. Sen. Rob Portman on CNN discussing the White House's approach in negotiating the North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada at a time when President Donald Trump has announced tariffs.

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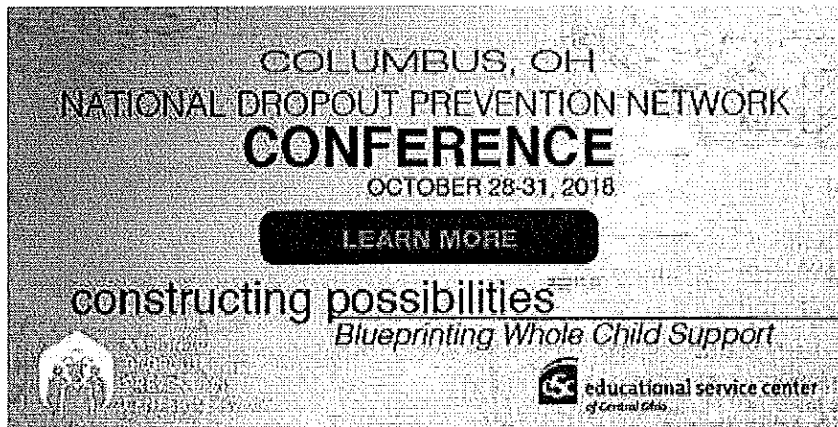
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FEATURED ITEMS

OHIO HOUSE ELECTS NEW SPEAKER – *The Ohio House of Representatives elected Rep. Ryan Smith (R-Gallipolis) to serve as its new speaker on Wednesday. Rep. Smith had been serving as chair of the House Finance Committee, a role which will now be filled by Rep. Scott Ryan (R-Newark). After the upcoming November elections, the GOP caucus, assuming it retain its majority, will vote again to select a speaker for the next two-year session.*

Ohio House Votes 11 Times before Picking Ryan Smith as Speaker – Columbus Dispatch

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Ryan Smith Wins Speaker Election on 11th Ballot – Hannah

- It took 11 voting rounds and more than two hours, but the Ohio House eventually elected Rep. Ryan Smith (R-Gallipolis) to serve as speaker on Wednesday

BUILDING A GRAD NATION REPORT – *Civic Enterprises and the Everyone Graduates Center at Johns Hopkins University, in partnership with the Alliance for Excellent Education and America's Promise Alliance, released their annual Building a Grad Nation report. The report found the nation continues to see steady growth in high school graduation rates, reaching an all-time high of 84 percent. However, it remains off pace to reach the campaign's 90 percent goal. This*

year's report also found that even while the graduation rate is increasing, the number of schools with low graduation rates also is increasing. The report noted Ohio as one of 12 states having a graduation rate between 80 and 85 percent and gaining little ground over the past six years.

2018 Building a Grad Nation: Progress and Challenge in Raising High School Graduation Rates – Civic Enterprises/Everyone Graduates Center at Johns Hopkins University/Alliance for Excellent Education/America's Promise Alliance

- The nation continues to see steady growth in high school graduation rates, but it remains off pace to reaching the 90 percent goal—a goal that would require graduating about 219,000 more young people on time than graduated in 2016 and nearly doubling the annual rate of gain in recent years through 2020
- Ohio is one of 12 states to have a graduation rate between 80 and 85. However, the report notes the state has gained little ground over the past six years

There Are Now More High Schools with Low Graduation Rates. Why? – EdWeek

- Even as the nation's high school graduation rate reaches an all-time high of 84 percent, a troubling phenomenon is taking shape: The number of schools with low graduation rates is actually growing. The change is reported in the latest version of "Building a Grad Nation," an annual report that tracks high school graduation. Between 2015 and 2016, the number of schools defined by federal law as low-graduation-rate—schools of 100 or more students where fewer than two-thirds earn diplomas in four years—rose from 2,249 to 2,425

National Dropout Prevention Network Conference – ESC of Central Ohio

- To be held in Columbus in October 2018, the conference provides an opportunity for district and school administrators to build a research-backed foundation for an effective dropout prevention plan. The strategies put forward by the NDPC/N have been put into practice by states nationwide and are considered the standard in dropout prevention planning

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Central Ohio Schools

Some Schools Drop GPA Rankings, Questioning Their Value – Columbus Dispatch

- Hilliard joins several other local districts, Dublin, Upper Arlington and New Albany-Plain among them, that have abolished class rank

U.S. Rep. Steve Stivers Meets with Community Officials to Identify School Safety Improvements – Lancaster Eagle Gazette

- The message was a main takeaway by Congressman Steve Stivers from a roundtable discussion he hosted on Friday with more than 30 school superintendents and law enforcement from across his district of a dozen counties including Fairfield, Ross, Pickaway and Franklin

COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS

Developer Wants Columbus City Schools to Accept 30-Year, Locked-In Tax Payment – Columbus Dispatch

- Today's kindergartners would be in their mid-30s before an Upper Arlington high-rise starts paying its full taxes under an abatement deal that a developer proposed Tuesday to the Columbus City Schools Board of Education

DELAWARE CITY SCHOOLS

DCS Board of Education Approves Staffing Changes, Trips – Delaware Gazette

- The Delaware City Schools Board of Education approved a number of staffing changes and out-of-town trips at its regular meeting Monday

DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS

Dublin City School District Board Eyes Combination Ballot Issue – This Week

- Dublin school board members are considering a combination \$195 million bond issue, a 2-mill permanent-improvements levy and a 5.9-mill operating levy for the November ballot

GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOLS

Group Lays Out Blueprint for Grandview's School Buildings – This Week

- The financial advisory committee that's been poring for months over the Grandview Heights City School District's facilities has come up with a number: \$55,250,000

NEW ALBANY-PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOLS

Sandy Reed Will Build New Albany's Easton E3 Learning Lab Curriculum – This Week

- The institute is just one piece of a certification process that Reed said would aid her in creating more well-rounded educational programs for K-12

students when she heads up the district's Easton E3 Learning Lab next school year. E3 denotes "energy, engineering and environment"

UPPER ARLINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

Meetings Set to Present Latest Building Designs for Upper Arlington Schools – This Week

- Upper Arlington Schools officials will share the latest preliminary designs for rebuilding the high school and reconstructing or renovating five elementary buildings during two public meetings next month

WESTERVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

Strategy to Stretch Resources Working for District – This Week

- The financial forecast of the Westerville City School District is brighter than expected

Hopkins 'Excited' about Joining Westerville School District's Team – This Week

- The Westerville City School District is poised to have a new human-resources director

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Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education

Workgroup Fine-Tuning Guidance on School Support Personnel – Hannah

- The Related Services Personnel Workgroup's Roles and Responsibilities Subgroup met at the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) Monday to develop materials that will help superintendents and other school administrators understand the training and responsibilities of "related services" support staff, such as speech and language pathologists and social workers

Report Card Workgroup Tackles Benefits, Complexities of Measuring Student Growth – Hannah

- Student growth is possibly the most complex component to measure on Ohio's school report cards, but examining it remains vital to getting a complete picture of a school or district's academic success. The stakeholder workgroup looking at overhauling the report card now has the tricky responsibility of determining how it could be improved

State Board of Education June 2018 Meeting Time Schedule & Voting Agenda – ODE

Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy Subgrant Award Kickoff Presentation - ODE

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Ohio Education & Public Policy

Softer Graduation Rules Unlikely to Remain for Next Year's Seniors – Dayton Daily News

- A key state senator said in May that Ohio is not likely to extend softer, non-test-based graduation pathways to the Class of 2019, despite a state school board recommendation to do so

Ohio House Votes 11 Times before Picking Ryan Smith as Speaker – Columbus Dispatch

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Measures on School Safety, Lake Erie Cleanup, Oil-Gas Tax Disputes Clear Senate – Hannah

- For school safety, the chamber unanimously approved HB318 (Patterson), introduced to address school resource officers (SRO) and later expanded in committee to encompass the language of SB246 (Lehner-Manning), which bars use of suspensions or expulsions for very young students except in extreme circumstances. The bill includes millions in funding for training, both for resource officers who need to identify and work with students facing problems, and for teachers to learn about using positive behavior interventions and supports in lieu of exclusionary discipline

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House Logjam Breaks with Votes on 17 Bills Including Payday Lending, Voting Machines – Hannah

- The Ohio House squeezed more than two dozen votes into a three-hour session Thursday as it started to clear a backlog of bills that had piled up while majority Republicans fought over the speakership vacancy

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Ohio Schools

Cleveland Schools Ask Parents to Lobby State for School Construction Money – Cleveland Plain Dealer

- The Cleveland school district is asking parents and the public to lobby state officials to preserve some state funding of the city's school construction project

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Ohio Postsecondary & Workforce Development

Ohio State Expanding Aid Plan for Low-Income Students to Regional Campuses – Columbus Dispatch

- Ohio State University will expand an initiative next spring that's meant to close the financial-aid gap for low- and moderate-income students to its regional campuses

Ohio State Set to Raise Tuition 1.4 Percent This Fall, Keep Guarantee – Columbus Dispatch

- Ohio State University is expected to raise tuition and fees for incoming in-state freshmen next year but continue its tuition guarantee for those students — locking in their costs for four years

Ohio's Public Universities Say College Degree Worth the Cost – Columbus Dispatch

- The Forward Ohio campaign brings together all of the state's 14 public universities, led by the Inter-University Council of Ohio, with the goal of raising awareness of the value of public higher education and highlighting how it can help strengthen Ohio's workforce and economy

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Ohio Reports

Quality Counts 2018: School Finance Report & Rankings – EdWeek

- Education Week puts the nation's K-12 finance performance under the microscope in the second installment of Quality Counts 2018. This data-driven special report focuses on the money that keeps thousands of school districts afloat—how much gets spent, how it's divvied up, and how states compare with each other in paying for a K-12 public education
- Ohio received a C grade

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Federal & US Department of Education

With Legislation Stalled, DeVos Moves to Wield Deregulatory Power – New York Times

- The top Republican on the Senate Education Committee effectively killed on Thursday all hope for a highly anticipated overhaul this year of the law governing the nation's 4,000 colleges and universities, paving the way for Education Secretary Betsy DeVos to wield her deregulatory power

Trump Administration Considering ESSA Spending Guidance, Advocates Say – EdWeek

- U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos' team is working on guidance to help districts and states puzzle through changes to a key spending rule—known as "supplement-not-supplant"—in the Every Student Succeeds Act, multiple education advocates say

Trump's School Safety Commission Won't Look at Guns, Betsy DeVos Says

- Education Secretary Betsy DeVos told a Senate committee on Tuesday that the federal commission on school safety set up this year after the Parkland, Fla., school massacre will not focus on the role guns play in school violence

What's in ESSA's Bix Flexible-Spending Pot? – EdWeek

- The Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants—better known as Title IV of the Every Student Succeeds Act—is one of the most flexible federal programs around. And it just got a huge increase, from \$400 million in the 2017-18 school year to \$1.1 billion for the 2018-19 school year. The program is closely watched by advocates and district officials alike, in part because the dollars can cover such a wide array of needs—from school safety training to drama clubs to science programs to suicide prevention. Here's a look at how the program works and how districts might spend that considerable increase

DeVos: Apprenticeships Should Be for More Than Just Welders, Carpenters – Edweek

- The U.S. can learn a lot from Switzerland's apprenticeship program, which allows students to prepare on the job for careers in health care, finance, and law, said U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos in a speech Thursday to the International Congress on Vocational & Professional Training in Zurich

Prepared Remarks from Secretary DeVos to the International Congress on Vocational & Professional Training - USDOE

Prepared Remarks to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies – USDOE

- U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos

White House Launches Anti-Opioid Ad Campaign Targeting Youth – UPI

- The White House started a hard-hitting anti-opioid advertising campaign Thursday that aims to speak to young people about the dangers of prescription narcotics

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Education Policy & Finance

50-State Comparison: State Kindergarten-Through-Third-Grade Policies – ECS

- High-quality, early elementary years offer a critical opportunity for development and academic learning for all children. Key components of a quality, K-3 experience include kindergarten, qualified teachers, seamless transitions, appropriate assessments and interventions, family engagement, social-emotional supports and academic supports. Education Commission of

the States has researched the policies that guide these key components in all 50 states to provide this comprehensive resource

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What Do We Actually Know about the Four-Day School Week? - Center on Reinventing Public Education

- This brief answers common questions about the spread of the four-day school week across the country and raises questions about the impacts on students and districts. Currently, 25 states have at least one district using a four-day school week, numbering at least 550 districts nationwide. Most of these districts are small and rural, but some are close to urban centers

The States That Spend the Most (and Least) on Education — and How Their Students Perform Compared With Their Neighbors – The 74

- Across the United States, current expenditures for public K-12 education rose by over \$18 billion during the 2014–15 school year, according to a new report released by the National Center for Education Statistics. That uptick was part of a 5 percent increase since fiscal year 2013, and total expenditures stood at \$575 billion overall for the year

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Educator Effectiveness

How Many Teachers Are Chronically Absent From Class in Your State? – EdWeek

- Nationwide, 28 percent of teachers were absent for more than 10 school days during the 2015-16 school year. That's more than 901,500 pre-K-12 teachers who were not at work when they would have otherwise been expected to be, according to an analysis by the Education Week Research Center of recent federal data

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Digital Convergence

Half of Teenagers Online 'Almost Constantly,' But Fewer Use Facebook – EdWeek

- YouTube, Instagram, and Snapchat have supplanted Facebook as the most popular online platforms among U.S. teens—almost all of whom now report access to a smartphone, and nearly half of whom say they are online nearly constantly

Navigating the New Curriculum Landscape: How States Are Using and Sharing Open Educational Resources – New America/CCSSO

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Dropout Prevention & Re-Engaging Youth

There Are Now More High Schools with Low Graduation Rates. Why? – EdWeek

- Even as the nation's high school graduation rate reaches an all-time high of 84 percent, a troubling phenomenon is taking shape: The number of schools with low graduation rates is actually growing. The change is reported in the latest version of "Building a Grad Nation," an annual report that tracks high school graduation. Between 2015 and 2016, the number of schools defined by federal law as low-graduation-rate—schools of 100 or more students where fewer than two-thirds earn diplomas in four years—rose from 2,249 to 2,425

2018 Building a Grad Nation: Progress and Challenge in Raising High School Graduation Rates – Civic Enterprises/Everyone Graduates Center at Johns Hopkins University/Alliance for Excellent Education/America's Promise Alliance

- The nation continues to see steady growth in high school graduation rates, but it remains off pace to reaching the 90 percent goal—a goal that would require graduating about 219,000 more young people on time than graduated in 2016 and nearly doubling the annual rate of gain in recent years through 2020

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Special Education

Special Education Enrollment Trends Upward – Disability Scoop

- The number of students receiving special education in the nation's public schools is on the rise, according to a new federal report. There were 6.7 million kids with disabilities in classrooms across the country during the 2015-2016 school year, accounting for 13.2 percent of all students. That's up from 6.6 million the year prior

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English Learners

How Have States Set Goals for English Learners in ESSA Plans? – Achieve/UnidosUS

- This brief, a collaboration between Achieve and UnidosUS, provides a two-part analysis of states' goals for English learners (ELs) in ESSA plans. First, it examines states' academic achievement goals for English language arts (ELA) and mathematics for ELs, and how those relate to the rigor of targets states are setting for other student groups. Next, it presents an analysis of the EL proficiency goals proposed in ESSA plans, and provides a closer look at how states are proposing to assess strides in English language proficiency for ELs

How Are States Including English Language Proficiency in ESSA Plans? – Achieve/UnidosUS

- The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) has ushered in an era of renewed focus on English learners (ELs) in states' accountability systems. Under ESSA, states are now required to develop an English language proficiency (ELP) indicator that must be included in the statewide accountability system and must apply to all schools and districts. This brief, a collaboration between Achieve and UnidosUS, examines how states are including the ELP indicator in their statewide accountability systems

Using Data to Decode English-Learner Education – EdWeek

- The Migration Policy Institute's "A Guide to Finding and Understanding English Learner Data" explores what type of data that school systems, states, and the federal government collect on English-learners and how the information is used—and how it shouldn't be used

A Guide to Finding and Understanding English Learner Data – Migration Policy Institute

- With more data available online, deciding where to begin can be daunting. And without an understanding of how data are collected, analyzed, and reported, data users run the risk of coming to incorrect conclusions about

what they mean. This guide aims to help parents, practitioners, policymakers, advocates, and other interested members of the public understand how to access and use data about ELs—be it student outcome data or information about the school context

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School Safety & Discipline

Ready for a Shooter? One in Five School Police Say No – EdWeek

- One in five school police officers say their school is not prepared to handle an active-shooter situation, according to a nationally representative survey of school resource officers conducted by the Education Week Research Center

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Mental Health & Wellness

A Third of Students Need Eye Exams, Study Finds – EdWeek

- Despite the spread of nearsightedness among U.S. schoolchildren, nearly 1 in 3 has not had a vision screening in at least two years, according to a new Education Week Research Center analysis of federal data, and research suggests several ways schools may help reduce children's risk of bad eyesight

Want to Build a Better Recess? Researchers Have a Framework for You – EdWeek

- Amid mounting evidence that recess can help support student learning, health, and social skills, researchers are taking a closer look at what a "high quality" recess looks like

White House Launches Anti-Opioid Ad Campaign Targeting Youth – UPI

- The White House started a hard-hitting anti-opioid advertising campaign Thursday that aims to speak to young people about the dangers of prescription narcotics

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Early Learning

50-State Comparison: State Kindergarten-Through-Third-Grade Policies – ECS

- High-quality, early elementary years offer a critical opportunity for development and academic learning for all children. Key components of a

quality, K-3 experience include kindergarten, qualified teachers, seamless transitions, appropriate assessments and interventions, family engagement, social-emotional supports and academic supports. Education Commission of the States has researched the policies that guide these key components in all 50 states to provide this comprehensive resource

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Career- and Postsecondary-Readiness

Report Promotes Pell Grants for High Schoolers in Early College Courses – THE Journal

- A new report has recommended continuation of a pilot to allow high school students to use Pell grants to cover the costs of college courses. The Alliance for Excellent Education is pushing Congress to consider the test involving early college high schools and dual-enrollment programs because it believes the move could boost college enrollment and completion

Now's the Time: Early College and Dual-Enrollment Programs in the Higher Education Act – Alliance for Excellent Education

- To reduce the cost burden associated with these courses, while increasing college enrollment and persistence rates for students from low-income families, students of color, and other historically underserved students, this report recommends that Congress consider a pilot program that would allow high school students to use federal Pell Grants to pay for college courses

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Postsecondary & Workforce Development

Postsecondary Institutions and Cost of Attendance in 2017-18; Degrees and Other Awards Conferred: 2016-17; and 12-Month Enrollment: 2016-17: First Look (Preliminary Data) – USDOE/IES/NCES

- This First Look presents preliminary data findings from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) fall 2017 collection, which included three survey components: Institutional Characteristics for the 2017-18 academic year, Completions covering the period July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, and data on 12-Month Enrollment for the 2016-17 academic year

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'Impenetrable' World of Student Data Brokers a Major Concern, Study Says – EdWeek

- The K-12 world is subject to a murky marketplace of commercial data brokers who traffic in sensitive information involving students' "ethnicity, affluence, religion, lifestyle, awkwardness, and even a perceived need for family planning," according to a new report released today by the Center on Law and Information Policy at Fordham Law School

Transparency and the Marketplace for Student Data: 2014-2018 – Fordham University School of Law

- Student lists are commercially available for purchase on the basis of ethnicity, affluence, religion, lifestyle, awkwardness, and even a perceived or

predicted need for family planning services. This study seeks to provide an understanding of the commercial marketplace for student data and the interaction with privacy law

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Transportation

Will Ride-Sharing Replace Traditional School Buses? – US News & World Report

- Some families in California and Colorado may utilize private companies to get their kids to school via cars, SUVs, vans and private buses

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Ohio Legislation Update

(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)

HOUSE

HB3 DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations

STATUS: House Finance Committee – Reported out

HB8 PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 29-0; House concurs, Vote 88-0

HB14 AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those

persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB21COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments

STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 31-0; House concurs, Vote 87-0

HB24VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS-TAX EXEMPTION (Rep. Timothy Ginter) - To modify the existing tax exemption for veterans organizations' property, to make appropriations and otherwise provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

HB37SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB40GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database

Status: House State & Local Government Committee

HB47STUDENTS IN MILITARY (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB49OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective July 1, 2017

HB51DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB53PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB58CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB66UNDERGRAD MISSION STUDY COMMITTEE (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB69LEVY REVENUE REIMBURSEMENT (Rep. Bob Cupp) To require reimbursement of certain township fire and emergency medical service levy revenue forgone because of the creation of a municipal tax increment financing district

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective March 23, 2018

HB74INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB77SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB80SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

HB87COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB89 AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB98 CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective June 29, 2018

HB102 SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB103 FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective October 17, 2017

HB108 INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Reported out

HB110 COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

HB118 TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0

HB124 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

HB129 SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee

HB134 SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB163 PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB166 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB170 COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey)

With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; and to authorize public schools to establish computer science and technology funds

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective March 23, 2018

HB176 SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended

HB179 IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB181 ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB186 COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB200 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended

HB203 YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

HB217 COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB220 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB224 RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB227 LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate

STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee – Reported out as amended

HB235 EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB237 MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB240 RESPECT YOUR DATE ACT (Barnes, Jr. J) To enact the "Respect Your Date Act" to designate the month of April as "Respect Your Date Month" and to require each state institution of higher education to adopt a policy regarding dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and rape on campus and to declare an emergency

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Reported out as amended

HB242 SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments

STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB246 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS (Rep. John Boccieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB262 INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB298 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee

HB312 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARDS (Rep. Kirk Schuring, Rep. Dave Greenspan) Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB318 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DEFINITION (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Finance Committee – Bill amended; Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

HB322 SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLANS (Rep. Adam Miller, Rep. Bernadine Kent) To revise the law regarding emergency management plans and school safety drills; to require each educational service center to employ an emergency response planner; to make an appropriation; and to declare an emergency

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB337 TEXTBOOK SALES TAX EXEMPTION (Rep. Mike Duffey) To exempt from sales and use tax textbooks purchased by post-secondary students

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee – Reported out as amended

HB338 BUS DRIVER MEDICAL EXAMS (Rep. Tim Ginter) Regarding medical examinations for school bus drivers

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

HB342 LOCAL TAX ISSUES-ELECTION DATES (Rep. Derek Merrin) To permit local tax-related proposals to appear only on general and primary election ballots and not on an August special election ballot and to modify the information conveyed in election notices and ballot language for property tax levies

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Reported out as amended

HB343 PROPERTY VALUE CONTEST-RESOLUTIONS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To require local governments that contest property values to formally pass an authorizing resolution for each contest and to notify property owners

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Ways & Means Committee

HB360 ANTI-BULLYING AND HAZING (Rep. Dave Greenspan) To enact the "Ohio Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act" with regard to school discipline and bullying and hazing policies at public schools and public colleges

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB361 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINTS TIMEFRAME (Rep. Dave Greenspan) To increase the time within which boards of revision must decide property tax complaints

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Bill amended

HB363 CAMPUS FREE SPEECH (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Andrew Brenner) To enact the "Campus Free Speech Act" with respect to the freedom of speech and assembly at state institutions of higher education and the charging and allocation of student activity fees

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB369 PER PUPIL FUNDING GUARANTEE (Rep. Martin Sweeney) To prescribe a per pupil funding guarantee for certain school districts and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB377 CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE EDUCATION (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Dan Ramos) With respect to age-appropriate student instruction in child sexual abuse and sexual violence prevention and in-service staff training in child sexual abuse prevention

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB378 OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT (Rep. Ryan Smith, Rep. Jack Cera) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Finance Committee

HB383 CHILD CARE HEALTH & SAFETY RISKS (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding parental notice of serious risks to the health or safety of children receiving child care

STATUS: House Community & Family Advancement Committee – Reported out

HB396 STEM DEGREE LOAN REPAYMENT (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To create the STEM Degree Loan Repayment Program and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB399 HEALTH INSURANCE SAVINGS INCENTIVES (Rep. Michael Henne, Rep. James Butler, Jr.) To enact the Ohio Right to Shop Act to require health insurers to establish shared savings incentive programs for enrollees

STATUS: House Health Committee

HB413 PERS ADJUSTMENT-DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES EMPLOYEES (Rep. Gary Scherer) Regarding Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) annual cost-of-living adjustments granted to allowance and benefit recipients and PERS service credit for services as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of developmental disabilities

STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee

HB418 SCHOOL RECORDS TRANSFER (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To require a public or chartered nonpublic school to transmit a student's records within five business days when the student transfers to another school

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB426 SCHOOL SEXUAL CONDUCT (Rep. Christina Hagan) To prohibit an employee of a school or institution of higher education who is not in a position of authority from engaging in sexual conduct with certain students

STATUS: House Criminal Justice Committee

HB428 STUDENT RELIGIOUS LIBERTIES ACT (Rep. Tim Ginter, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) Regarding student religious expression and to entitle the act the "Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 2018"

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Reported out

HB432 STUDENT LOAN OMBUDSMAN & LICENSURE (Rep. Kristin Boggs, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require student loan servicers to be licensed by the Division of Financial Institutions and to create the position of student loan ombudsperson in the Division of Financial Institutions to provide assistance to student loan borrowers

STATUS: House Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development Committee

HB438 ESC ANNEXATION (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To permit the addition of appointed members to educational service center boards and to permit a local school district to sever its territory from one educational service center and annex that territory to an adjacent service center under specified conditions

STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 31-0; House concurs, Vote 72-15

HB442 SCHOOL ATHLETICS-F1 VISA (Rep. Niraj Antani) To authorize any student from a country or province outside the United States who attends an elementary or secondary school in Ohio and holds an F-1 visa to participate in interscholastic athletics at that school on the same basis as Ohio residents

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB443 MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION (Rep. Martin Sweeney) To require school district boards of education to incorporate mental health instruction into their health education curricula

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB449 CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSOR RATINGS-UNIVERSITIES (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. John Patterson) To require the Department of Education to attribute any community school sponsor ratings an entity received during its relationship with a state university board of trustees to that entity even if it no longer has a relationship with the university

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB477 ELIMINATE EDUCATION PROGRAMS (Rep. Kyle Koehler) To eliminate various provisions and programs related to the Department of Education and the operation of primary and secondary schools

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Reported out

HB487 RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL-COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To eliminate the right of first refusal for community schools, college-preparatory boarding schools, and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics schools in the acquisition of school district real property

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB488 PROPERTY TAX LEVY-BALLOT LANGUAGE (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. John Becker) To modify the information conveyed in election notices and ballot language for property tax levies

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB491 SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS-SPECIFIED SERVICES (Rep. Jay Edwards) To require the State Board of Education to issue a substitute license to specified pupil services personnel

STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 86-2

HB502 YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING-PUBLIC (Rep. Marlene Anielski) With regard to educator in-service training on youth suicide awareness and prevention in public schools

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted & reported out

HB503 YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING-PRIVATE (Rep. Marlene Anielski) With regard to educator in-service training on youth suicide awareness and prevention in private schools

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB508 OHIOCORPS PILOT PROJECT (Rep. Scott Ryan, Rep. William Reineke) To establish the OhioCorps Pilot Project and to make an appropriation

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Finance Committee

HB512 CONSOLIDATE CAREER-EDUCATION GOVERNANCE (Rep. William Reineke) To establish the Department of Learning and Achievement; to abolish the Department of Higher Education, the position of the Chancellor of Higher Education, and the Ohio Board of Regents; to transfer, with exceptions, the duties regarding the administration of primary and secondary education programs and all duties regarding the administration of higher education programs to the Department of Learning and Achievement; and to prescribe certain duties regarding educator licensure, community school sponsorship, and other education programs for the State Board of Education, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Department of Education

STATUS: House Government Oversight & Accountability Committee

HB517 MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Rep. Tim Schaffer, Rep. David Leland) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month."

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Reported out

HB524 529 CONTRIBUTIONS IN OTHER STATES (Rep. Gary Scherer, Rep. John Patterson) To expand the income tax deduction allowed for contributions to Ohio's 529 college savings program to include contributions to 529 programs established by other states

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB526 VOLUNTEER SCHOOL SECURITY (Rep. Anthony DeVitis, Rep. Martin Sweeney) To authorize a public or chartered nonpublic school to enter into an agreement with a volunteer law enforcement officer to patrol school premises to prevent or respond to a mass casualty event, to provide the parties with a qualified immunity from civil liability, and to provide a tax credit for volunteer service

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB529 CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS (Rep. Scott Ryan) To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects and to make reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2020

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective June 29, 2018

HB538 TAXES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND INCREASE (Rep. Jack Cera, Rep. John Rogers) To increase the proportion of state tax revenue allocated to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.53% beginning July 1, 2019

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB540 TEACHER EVALUATIONS (Rep. Theresa Gavarone, Rep. Nathan Manning)
With regard to teacher evaluations

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Reported out

HB544 STATE BOARD-ADOPT SCHOOL SAFETY STANDARDS (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Rick Perales) To require the State Board of Education to adopt rules prescribing standards for safety enhancements to new public and nonpublic school facilities and to require the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission to revise its construction and design standards to comply with the State Board's standards

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB547 PERS- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SCHOOL EMPLOYEE (Rep. Jay Edwards) Regarding Public Employees Retirement System service credit for services as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of development disabilities

STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee

HB549 SCHOOL OPENINGS-AFTER LABOR DAY (Rep. Steve Arndt) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB559 IMMUNIZATION-SCHOOLS (Rep. Anne Gonzales, Rep. Al Landis) To make changes to the law governing immunization of children enrolled in school, preschool programs, and day-care programs

STATUS: House Health Committee – Bill amended

HB572 PERS- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SCHOOL EMPLOYEE (Rep. Gary Scherer, Rep. Stephanie Howse) Regarding Public Employees Retirement System service credit for services as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of developmental disabilities

STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted & reported out

HB591 STATE REPORT CARD REVISIONS (Rep. Mike Duffey) To revise the state report card rating system for school districts and public schools

STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB594 PAYMENTS MUNICIPAL CORPS/SCHOOLS BUSINESS LAYOFFS (Rep. Dan Ramos) Enacts section 131.46 of the Revised Code to provide for payments to municipalities or school districts for their lost income tax revenue after a business lays off 50 or more employees within their jurisdiction

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee

HB603 IN-STATE TUITION-MILITARY SERVICE (Rep. Rick Perales) To grant residency status for in-state tuition purposes at state institutions of higher education to all military service members who are on active duty and to their spouses and dependents

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB605 OVERTIME LAW EXEPTION (Rep. Brigid Kelly, Rep. Kent Smith) To raise the salary threshold above which certain employees are exempt from the overtime law

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB609 EXPULSION-THREAT OF VIOLENCE (Rep. Jim Hughes) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for communicating a threat of violence to occur on school grounds

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB611 ONLINE SCHOOL PAYMENT (Rep. Keith Faber, Rep. Kristina Roegner) To condition payment from the Department of Education to an Internet or computer-based community school on the school's use of automatically verifiable software that tracks attendance, class size, and participation

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB619 UNBORN CHILD EDUCATION (Rep. Niraj Antani) To require the development of an instructional program and educational and informational materials and the dissemination of those materials to protect the humanity of the unborn child and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB620 REGULATION REDUCTION (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To require agencies to reduce the number of regulatory restrictions

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB626 MORATORIUM-ACADEMIC DISTRESS COMMISSIONS (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Teresa Fedor) To establish a moratorium on the creation of new academic distress commissions

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB628 RESIDENT EDUCATOR LICENSES (Rep. Dick Stein, Rep. Wes Retherford) With regard to qualifications for obtaining a resident educator license

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB630 ALTERNATIVE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS EXTENSION (Rep. Tavia Galonski) To extend the alternative graduation requirements for two additional years

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB635 SCHOOL LICENSE PLATE PROGRAM (Rep. Dan Ramos) To create a school license plate program

STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee

HB652 LOVING STATE INDEX (Rep. Stephanie Howse) To create the Loving State Index and the Loving State Index Commission to evaluate and rank municipal corporations in Ohio regarding critical supports that are vital to student academic success in order to identify gaps in opportunity for low-income individuals and minority individuals

STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB654 APPROPRIATION-DISBURSEMENTS TO SUBDIVISIONS (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Kristin Boggs) To make a supplemental appropriation under the budget of the Auditor of State to make disbursements to political subdivisions appearing on the Auditor of State's fiscal caution, fiscal watch, or fiscal emergency list during the FY 2018-FY 2019 biennium

STATUS: Referred to House Finance Committee

HB663 COLLEGE PROGRAM NOTIFICATION (Rep. Dan Ramos) To require the establishment of a program to notify college students of eligibility for programs and services of the Departments of Job and Family Services and Medicaid

STATUS: Referred to House Community & Family Advancement Committee

HB666 COLLEGE EXPENSE TAX CREDIT (Rep. Dan Ramos) To authorize a refundable income tax credit for the amount of undergraduate higher education expenses paid by or on behalf of a student to attend a public Ohio institution of higher education

STATUS: Referred to House Ways & Means Committee

HB668 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FACILITIES (Rep. Tom Patton) To authorize state agencies, state institutions of higher education, counties, townships, municipal corporations, school districts, community schools, STEM schools, and college-preparatory boarding schools to enter into public-private initiatives with a private party through a public-private agreement regarding public facilities

STATUS: Referred to House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB671 SCHOOL DRINKING WATER TESTS (Rep. John Barnes, Jr.) To require the Director of Environmental Protection to adopt rules establishing procedures and requirements governing annual testing of school drinking water for lead, to name this act the State Water Quality Act for Kids, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Referred to House Energy & Natural Resources Committee

HB680 SCHOOL BUS SEAT BELTS (Rep. John Barnes, Jr.) To require all passenger seats on school buses to be equipped with occupant restraining devices beginning on July 1, 2019, and to designate "Safe School Week."

STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB682 HOPE FOR A SMILE DENTAL PROGRAM (Rep. John Barnes, Jr.) To establish the Hope for a Smile Program through which buses are operated to offer dental hygiene services to Ohio schoolchildren and to fund the Program through a combination of cigarette and tobacco tax receipts, donations, and Medicaid and insurance reimbursements

STATUS: Referred to House Health Committee

HB686 ABOLISH ACADEMIC DISTRESS COMMISSIONS-COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS (Rep. John Barnes, Jr.) To enact the "Student Transformative Academic Restoration Act" to abolish academic distress commissions and to instead require the creation of community learning centers for poor performing districts, to establish an office of grants and philanthropic gestures within the Department of Education, to create the State Business Intervention Fund, to create a teacher education advancement program, and to modify earmarked appropriations for academic distress commissions

STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB691 PROPERTY LEASES-SPONSOR CHANGE (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To allow school district boards of education to terminate property leases with community schools when they change sponsors

STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB693 STATE CERTIFICATION-GUNS IN SCHOOLS (Rep. Ron Young) To require a state certification to carry a firearm into a school safety zone and to grant an income tax credit for school employees or contractors who have such certification

STATUS: Referred to House Federalism & Interstate Relations Committee

HB702 ESC SOCIAL WORKERS (Rep. Nathan Manning) To make an appropriation for grants to support the employment of social workers at educational service centers

STATUS: Introduced

HB703 CONCEALED CARRY-PUBLIC PREMISES (Rep. John Becker) To enact the "Decriminalization Effort For Ending Notorious Deaths -- Teachers With Options (DEFEND-TWO)" to allow a concealed handgun licensee or qualified military member to carry a concealed handgun in certain public premises, to reduce the penalty for a concealed handgun licensee who carries a concealed handgun in a prohibited place, and to prohibit public employers and universities from disciplining employees or students who lawfully carry a concealed handgun on the premises

STATUS: Introduced

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SB3 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House, Vote 93-1; Senate concurs, Vote 32-0

SB5 INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 32-1

SB8 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective March 23, 2018

SB9 AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

SB10 PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Substitute bill accepted

SB15 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB22INCORPORATING FEDERAL REVENUE CHANGES (Sen. Bob Peterson) To expressly incorporate changes in the Internal Revenue Code since February 14, 2016, into Ohio law

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

SB34SCHOOL YEARS (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB36AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB39COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB54SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB72PREVAILING WAGE LAW (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB79STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 24-9

SB82SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Education & Career Readiness Committee

SB85 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program
STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB88 SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision
STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB97 REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances
STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB104 PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools
STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB105 MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"
STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Education & Career Readiness Committee

SB111 SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation
STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB123 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located
STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee

SB124 COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges' career certification programs
STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee

SB133 STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline

was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB140 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB149 ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB151 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment

STATUS: Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee

SB172 HUNGER-FREE STUDENTS RIGHTS (Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act to require schools to provide certain services to students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB175 RECOVERED FUNDS-SCHOOL AUDIT (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB191 ESTABLISH SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To establish the Breakfast After The Bell Program for public schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB196 AGGRAVATED BULLYING-OFFENSE CREATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Edna Brown) To create the offense of aggravated bullying, a third-degree misdemeanor

STATUS: Senate Judiciary Committee

SB197 SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Edna Brown) To require a tiered disciplinary procedure for harassment, intimidation, or bullying in school; to require annual student instruction about preventing such

acts; and to create the offense of aggravated bullying as a third-degree misdemeanor

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB199 OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni, Sen. Cliff Hite) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Introduced

SB203 MUNICIPAL TAX RULE REINSTATEMENT (Sen. Matt Dolan) To reinstate the municipal income tax "throw-back rule" used in apportioning business income among municipalities

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB209 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS-TIF (Sen. William Coley, Sen. John Eklund) To modify the conditions that determine the relative priority of property tax exemptions when a parcel subject to a tax increment financing arrangement concurrently qualifies for another exemption

STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee

SB213 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING PLAN (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To enhance economic and employment opportunities and improve local infrastructure in Ohio by providing additional assistance to workforce development and employment programs; establishing a revolving loan program for small businesses seeking to expand operations; extending job tax credits to smaller businesses; enabling expanded participation in public sector contracting by smaller companies; enhancing support for childcare centers; funding additional local infrastructure and public transit; authorizing tax incentives for hiring military veterans, for donating money to local programs assisting distressed communities, or for improving distressed property; exempting the homes of disabled veterans from property taxation; terminating the income tax deduction and reduced tax rate for business income; and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB216 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEREGULATION ACT (Sen. Matt Huffman) To enact the "Ohio Public School Deregulation Act" regarding the administration of preschool and primary and secondary education programs

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended

SB225 OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni, Sen. John Eklund) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee – Substitute bill accepted & amended

SB226 SALES TAX HOLIDAY-SCHOOL SAFETY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a permanent three-day sales tax "holiday" each August during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use tax, to authorize a county school financing district property tax for school safety, security, and mental health services, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

SB239 REGIONAL COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS (Sen. Matt Dolan) To modify the law concerning regional councils of governments

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House State & Local Government Committee

SB240 REGARDING TEACHER EVALUATIONS (Sen. Peggy Lehner) With regard to teacher evaluations

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB241 ACCREDITED NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CATEGORY (Sen. Louis Terhar, Sen. Cecil Thomas) To establish a category of nonpublic schools called "accredited nonpublic schools" and to prescribe requirements and exemptions for such schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB246 STUDENT SAFETY ACT (Sen. Peggy Lehner, Sen. Gayle Manning) To enact the "SAFE Act" to revise the procedures for emergency removal of a student, to prohibit certain suspensions and expulsions of students in grades prekindergarten through three, to require each public school to implement a positive behavior intervention and supports framework in accordance with state standards, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee

SB258 AWARDING SCHOOL SAFETY FUNDS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To require the State Board of Education to establish criteria and procedures for the awarding of school safety funds to school districts and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB262 EATING DISORDER EDUCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require public schools annually to provide parents of students in any of grades five through twelve with educational information regarding eating disorders

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB266 CAPITAL BUDGET (Sen. Scott Oelslager) To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects and to make reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2020

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB276 EXPULSION OF STUDENTS (Sen. Jay Hottinger) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for actions that endanger the health and safety of other students or school employees
STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB287 K-12 HEALTH EDUCATION STANDARDS (Sen. Vernon Sykes) To require the State Board of Education to develop and adopt health education standards for grades kindergarten through twelve and to require only venereal disease education standards and curriculum adopted by the State Board to be approved by concurrent resolution of the General Assembly
STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB289 THREATS OF SCHOOL VIOLENCE (Sen. Stephanie Kunze) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for communicating a threat of violence to occur on school grounds
STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB293 REDUCTION OF AGENCY REGULATIONS (Sen. Bob Peterson, Sen. Robert McColley) To require agencies to reduce the number of regulatory restrictions
STATUS: Senate Transportation, Commerce & Workforce Committee

SB294 PILOT PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS (Sen. John Eklund, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To increase the maximum amount that may be awarded to students under the Pilot Project (Cleveland) Scholarship Program
STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB302 HEALTH AND EQUITY INITIATIVE (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To create the Health and Equity in All Policies Initiative and the Health and Equity Interagency Team
STATUS: Introduced

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From: Tom Needles <tom@compassconsulting.us>
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Chairman Brenner,

As we discussed by phone this morning, LSC has drafted amendment language and you indicated that SB 216 would be the appropriate legislative vehicle for the amendment. You mentioned the following timetable: The House Education Committee would pass SB 216 on June 19 or 20, and the House would vote on the bill on June 27. Obviously we know these dates are subject to change.

The following is a quick overview of our issue for any conversation you might have with ODE, your colleagues, etc.

Charter School Specialists (CSS) is a sponsor representative for one of the largest sponsors in Ohio that sponsors conversion and new start-up community schools.

CSS works with St. Aloysius orphanage, an Ohio non-profit and community school sponsor that operates a large number of Ohio community schools.

In early 2017, CSS sought ODE's legal guidance as to the propriety of a federal non-profit organization taking over the sponsorship of a City School District conversion school.

Todd Marti, the Assistant Attorney General assigned to the ODE, advised CSS that the ODE's position is that the Community School sections of the ORC permit conversion schools to "switch" from a Non-District or Non-ESC sponsor.

Marti also opined that once a school is constituted as a conversion school the school's legal structure continues to be that of a conversion type, throughout the operational life of the school.

ORC Section 3314.02(A)(5) defines a "new start-up school" as " a community school other than one created by converting all or part of an existing public school or educational service center building, as designated in the school's contract ..." ORC Section 3314.03(A)(17) states that a contract between a sponsor and the community school governing authority must state "Whether the school is to be created by converting all or part of an existing public school or educational service center building [i.e., a conversion school] or is to be a new start-up school"

A plain language reading of the statutes excerpted above provides that any community school that started as a conversion school, that is, as a school formed by converting all or part of an existing public school or ESC building, is henceforth a "conversion" type school because it originated in that fashion. To that point, the conversion school's contractual building, assets, liabilities, and curriculum/programs continue in the same manner despite changing the type of sponsor.

In effect, the March 2017 legal opinion reflects the statutory intent that a community school's contractual partner may change but the underlying school legal structure remains the same.

Contract law principles apply in the community school context. Thus, the parties have the contractual freedom to sustain the current contractual structure, just as they have the right to enter into a new start-up contract model.

And consistent with the March 2017 legal opinion, a change in a community school's contractual partner has no impact on the school's underlying legal and organizational structure. Continuity of the school's underlying legal and organizational structure is supported because (i) the community school continues to operate as an Ohio non-profit corporation; and (ii) the community school continues to qualify as a tax exempt entity under the IRS and does not have to re-apply to the IRS for tax-exempt status. The school district would simply assign its interest to St. Aloysius.

Diane Lease of ODE has a different view, and her letter is attached.

At the request of Chairman Brenner, the Legislative Services Commission drafted legislative language that affirms the March 2017 ODE legal opinion acknowledging that ORC Chapter 3314 permits an Ohio non-profit organization to assume sponsorship of a pre-existing conversion community school.

Here is the actual amendment language:

Subject to section 3314.034 of the Revised Code, a conversion community school that is open for operation may change sponsors to any entity listed in division(C)of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code. Any conversion school that changes sponsors under this section shall remain a conversion community school unless the school district in which the school is located is a challenged school district. If the school is located in a challenged school district, upon transfer of sponsors, the school shall be considered a new start-up community school. Any conversion community school that changes sponsorship under this section shall remain subject to all legal requirements that applied to the school before the change of sponsor, including leases and collective bargaining agreements.

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RE: St. Aloysius Orphanage – Conversion Community School Sponsorship

Dear Mr. Mentel:

In your April 25, 2018 letter, you requested the Department's position as to whether a nonprofit organization may, under Ohio law, assume sponsorship of a conversion community school. You indicated in your letter that you represent Charter Schools Specialists, a representative for St. Aloysius Orphanage ("St. Aloysius"). You indicated further that St. Aloysius wants to assume sponsorship of a conversion community school from the board of education of a school district without any supporting documentation being provided to the Department. As a result, it is unclear whether this is Charter Schools Specialists' request or St. Aloysius Orphanage's.

Conversion community schools are established under the process set forth in R.C. 3314.02(B). Under R.C. 3314.02(B)(1), any person or group of individuals may propose the conversion by submitting a proposal to the board of education of the school district in which the public school is proposed to be converted. Under R.C. 3314.02(B)(3), the board of education enters agreements with the persons or groups proposing the conversion community school. R.C. 3314.02(D) specifies that: "A majority of the board of a *sponsoring entity* and a majority vote of the members of the governing authority of a community school shall be required to adopt a contract and convert the public school . . . to a community school . . ." (emphasis added). Regarding a conversion community school, a "sponsor" is defined under R.C. 3314.02(A) as "the *board of education of a school district* or the governing board of an educational service center that agrees to the conversion of all or part of a school or building under division (B) of this section . . ." (emphasis added).

These provisions specify that a sponsor of a conversion community school is either a board of education of a school district or a governing board of an educational service center. There is no express provision in R.C. 3314.02 that permits an entity other than a board of education or a governing board of an educational service center to serve as a sponsor.

In contrast, R.C. 3314.02(C) establishes the process for a new start-up community school. R.C. 3314.02(C)(1) limits the establishment of a new start-up community school to a location in a challenged school district, which is defined in R.C. 3314.02(A)(3). Certain qualified nonprofit tax-

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exempt entities, among others, may propose a new start-up community school under R.C. 3314.02(C)(1). Such entities are not included under the process in R.C. 3314.02(B) for establishing a conversion community school.

The bifurcated structure of R.C. 3314.02 demonstrates a policy of the General Assembly to treat conversion community schools and new start-up community schools differently. We have found no authority that would allow a conversion community school to be transformed and treated as a new start-up school that would be in a school district other than a challenged school district. Without further legal authority to indicate otherwise, the Department's position is that a nonprofit organization may not assume sponsorship of a conversion community school from the board of education of a school district.

While we are aware of one situation involving a conversion community school in Reynoldsburg in which such an arrangement was permitted, the situation was unique, limited, and subject to the terms of a settlement agreement. This letter confirms the Department's position on this issue.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

With regards,



Diane Lease
Chief Legal Counsel

cc: Paolo DeMaria, Superintendent of Public Instruction
John Richard, Deputy Superintendent
Colleen Grady, Executive Director, School Options
St. Aloysius Orphanage

From: Joseph Weitz

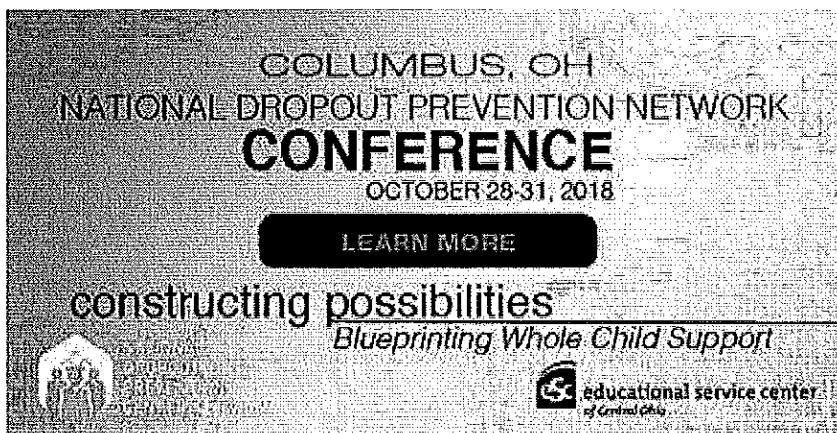
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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES STRATEGIC

PLAN – *At its June meeting, the State Board of Education approved its strategic plan, EachChild=OurFuture, laying out a framework for the state's educational goals, strategies and guiding principles. The plan's vision is that EachChild graduates from high school, and each graduate is prepared with the knowledge, skills and disposition to pursue his or her chosen post-high school path and become a lifelong learner who is an engaged, culturally aware and contributing member of society. The overarching goal is to annually increase the percentage of Ohio's high school graduates who, within one year of graduation, are: 1) Enrolled and succeeding in a post-high school learning experience, including an adult career-technical education program, an apprenticeship and/or a two-year or four-year college program (15 semester hours); or 2) Serving in a military branch; or 3) Earning a living wage.*

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ATTORNEY GENERAL RELEASES DRUG USE PREVENTION RESOURCE GUIDE FOR SCHOOLS – Ohio Attorney General Mike

DeWine's Joint Study Committee on Drug Use Prevention Education released a resource guide to help schools develop comprehensive prevention services. The guide walks users through the strategic planning process of developing a comprehensive drug-prevention plan for their classroom, school, or district. The committee identified 12 prevention services that, it believes, make up a comprehensive prevention plan, including: Before- and after-school programs; Cross-curricular prevention education; Health education curricula; Social-emotional learning; School climate and drug-use surveys; Alcohol, drug, and mental health board engagement and treatment providers; Caregiver engagement; Law enforcement engagement; Professional development in mental health and substance use; Youth-led prevention; Community-based health referrals; and School-based health care services.

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Ohio Attorney General's Drug Use Prevention Resource Guide – Ohio Attorney General

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OHIO

Central Ohio Schools

Central Ohio Schools Absorbing Puerto Rican Students in Wake of Hurricane – Columbus Dispatch

- And more will be arriving this year and the next, if estimates are correct. Researchers at the City University of New York predicted last fall that Ohio will receive about 30,000 Puerto Ricans by 2020 — the sixth-most of any state

Ohio Becomes More Diverse as Asian, Hispanic Populations Grow – Columbus Dispatch

- Ohio's population continues to become more diverse, mostly because of growth in the numbers of Asian and Hispanic residents, new census estimates show

BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS

Big Walnut, Olentangy Schools Awarded Purple Stars – Sunbury News

- Since the creation of the Purple Star designation program for Ohio schools by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) in November 2017, local school districts have been well represented. This week, six more schools in the Big Walnut and Olentangy Local school districts were awarded the designation for their commitment to students and families connected with the military

CHILLICOTHE CITY SCHOOLS

How a Chillicothe High School Student Has Been Key to New Buildings' Completion – Chillicothe Gazette

- Gossman, who will be a senior in the fall, is at the leading edge of what city schools STEM consultant Kathy Payne hopes will become a bustling internship program pairing students interested in science, technology, engineering and math careers with companies that can provide exposure to those careers

City Schools to Discuss Several Building Move Issues – Chillicothe Gazette

- The Chillicothe City Schools Board of Education will turn its attention to several logistical details of the school moves at a special meeting

City Schools Explore Busing, Other Issues for New Year – Chillicothe Gazette

- The Chillicothe City Schools should be ready to occupy the new Pre-K through 2 building a couple of weeks before students arrive to start the

school year, while a completion date for the grades 3 through 6 building remains uncertain

COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS

Columbus Schools to Bid for Former ECOT Headquarters Building

- So it was with more than a tinge of irony that the Columbus Board of Education on Monday approved a plan for its treasurer to bid on buying ECOT's former posh South Side headquarters building at auction Tuesday for use as a district administrative building

City Schools Win Auction for Shuttered ECOT Headquarters – Columbus Dispatch

- Columbus City Schools won an electronic auction Tuesday for the now-defunct ECOT's former sprawling South Side headquarters and almost 27 acres of land

ECOT Auction Ends with HQ Going to Columbus Schools – Hannah

- The court-ordered auction of assets from the defunct Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow (ECOT) ended this week with the biggest ticket item, the former shopping mal site that served as the online school's headquarters, going to Columbus City Schools

Tentative Timeline Set for Columbus Schools Superintendent Search – Columbus Dispatch

- The next superintendent of Columbus City Schools might be announced in mid-October and on the job by January, under a timeline the Columbus Board of Education set with its hired search firm on Monday night

Columbus Schools Administrative Buildings Worth a Lot, Appraisal Shows – Columbus Dispatch

- The Columbus City Schools Downtown administrative building would fetch an estimated \$4.59 million if sold, an appraisal says

CoverMyMeds Proposes 1,000 New HQ Jobs for Columbus in Return for Tax Deal – Columbus Dispatch

- But first, the developer — in negotiation with the Columbus Development Department — wants a 15-year, 100-percent property-tax abatement from Columbus City Schools or it will go to a different site within the district that doesn't require any board approval and the city would not have to share income-tax revenue, project participants told the board

DELAWARE CITY SCHOOLS

Delaware City School District's Summer Lunch Program Feeds Bellies, Minds – This Week

- Forty-five youngsters showed up June 4 at Woodward Elementary School for the opening day of the Delaware City School District's summer lunch program

Delaware's Summer Enrichment Academy Wraps Learning in Fun Packages – This Week

- About 90 students participated in the Delaware City School District's Summer Enrichment Academy last week, which teacher Kevin West called "learning for the sake of learning"

BOE Approves Widening Project, Staffing Changes – Delaware Gazette

- The Delaware City Schools Board of Education approved a \$15,000 contract with the City of Delaware for the William Street widening project as well as a number of staffing changes during its meeting

DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS

Dublin School Board Delays Vote on November Ballot Issue – Columbus Dispatch/This Week

- Dublin City School District officials have pushed back a vote to place a tax issue on the November ballot so they have more time to answer questions

GAHANNA-JEFFERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Gahanna-Jefferson Has Short List for High School Principal – This Week

- Four candidates are being considered for the job of principal at Gahanna Lincoln High School, including two current district employees

GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOLS

Ingenuity Brought to Light at Camp Invention – This Week

- Anyone observing the students participating in last week's Camp Invention program would have to believe that formula also includes elation

GROVEPORT MADISON LOCAL SCHOOLS

Shape of Possible New Schools Still Unclear for Groveport Madison – Columbus Messenger

- Parents in the Groveport Madison school district may be warming up to the idea of a K-8 grade configuration for the district's proposed new schools

HILLIARD CITY SCHOOLS

Hilliard Schools Board Extends Superintendent's Contract – Columbus Dispatch

- The Hilliard Board of Education has extended the contract of Superintendent John Marschhausen

Hilliard City Schools' John Marschhausen Receives New Contract – This Week

- Hilliard City Schools Superintendent John Marschhausen will continue to lead the district through July 2023 after the school board acted June 11 to extend an employment contract

District Leaders Must Ask – Should We Be Doing More? – This Week Hilliard Schools Connection

- John Marschhausen, superintendent of Hilliard City Schools, writes regarding some topics he believes they need to talk about, knowing these will be difficult conversations

School's Out So Hilliard District's Annual Repairs Underway – This Week

- Students might be out of school but activity continues this summer at numerous Hilliard City Schools buildings as the district completes \$6 million in improvements

OLENTANGY LOCAL SCHOOLS

Olentangy Teachers OK New 3-Year Contract, with Raises Each Year – Columbus Dispatch

- The Olentangy Board of Education voted last week to approve a three-year contract with the Olentangy Teachers Association, effective July 1 and running through June 30, 2021

Olentangy Teachers Land Three-Year Deal, Raises – This Week

- The Olentangy school board June 14 unanimously approved a three-year agreement with the Olentangy Teachers Association

Olentangy Board Selects Three Schools for Additions – This Week

- Work is underway to add 18 new classrooms at three Olentangy elementary schools in the hopes they will ease crowding in time for the 2019-20 school year

Think Tank Gets Teachers Revved Up for New Year – This Week

- School's out for the summer -- but not so fast for hundreds of Olentangy educators

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REYNOLDSBURG CITY SCHOOLS

\$1.1M Grant Will Support Literacy Plan – This Week

- A new literacy program will be implemented throughout the Reynoldsburg school district this fall, thanks to a \$1.1 million grant awarded in May by the Ohio Department of Education

SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SCHOOLS

Little Struggles Can Lead to Big Strides in Learning – This Week South-Western Subject Matter

- April Weese, curriculum coordinator for the South-Western City Schools, writes that their goal is for the students to be problem solvers and mathematicians. To accomplish this, they engage them in productive struggle. There is not just one way to solve a problem and they often have to fail before they succeed

WHITEHALL CITY SCHOOLS

Smathers, Whitehall-Yearling Principal, Accepts Groveport Job – This Week

- Whitehall Yearling High School Principal Paul Smathers will step down effective July 31 to take a job in Groveport

Whitehall District Leaders Eye Fall Ballot for Rare Issue – This Week

- Whitehall City School District voters likely will be asked in November to consider a ballot issue that would allow an addition to Rosemore Middle School and renovations at Whitehall-Yearling High School

WORTHINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

Worthington School Officials, Residents Debate Putting Resource Officers in High Schools – Columbus Dispatch

- The Worthington Board of Education meeting Monday night was the site of a lively debate similar to that being held at many school districts across the nation: should there be armed school resource officers in the district's two high schools

Should Worthington Have School Resource Officers? – This Week

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Plan for Full-Time Officers at Worthington High Schools under Consideration June 25 – This Week

- Worthington Schools this month unveiled a potential plan to add full-time officers known as school-resource officers at Thomas Worthington and Worthington Kilbourne high schools

Worthington Schools Will Seek Bond Issue, Levy in November – Columbus Dispatch

- Worthington City Schools will be asking voters for more money this fall for renovations and to fund daily operations

Learning Never Stops in Worthington Schools – This Week It's Worth It

- Trent Bowers, superintendent of Worthington City Schools, writes that the summer months provide a chance for students and educators to extend the learning experience in many ways

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Committee Sends Community Connectors Grant Recommendations to Superintendent – Hannah

- As many as 71 programs around the state might receive grants to support youth mentorship programs after an advisory board voted Friday to recommend them as recipients of Community Connectors Grants

State Board of Education to Consider Administrative Rules – Hannah

- The State Board of Education will convene at the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) next week where members will consider two sets of rule revisions, one dealing with the process for scoring and reporting tests and another dealing with dropout prevention and recovery charter schools

ODE Looks to Next Budget; Strategic Plan Nears Completion – Hannah

- Superintendent Paolo DeMaria primed the pump Monday for soon-to-begin discussions with the State Board of Education for recommendations on the next biennial budget, development of which will start under this administration but be taken over next year by a new governor

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School Board Committee Defers Third Grade Cut Score Decision – Hannah

- Questions about the level of precision in differentiating among scores led a State Board of Education committee to delay for one month a decision on the new testing cutoff of the third grade reading guarantee. However, schools should still know the new cut score in July, as members said they plan to seek emergency consideration so the committee and full board can vote on it in the same month

School Board Panel Discusses Graduation, Extended Learning Standards – Hannah

- Members of the State Board of Education's Achievement and Graduation Committee discussed Monday how to stay on the same page with a graduation requirements workgroup and the Legislature as they try to design a new system for awarding diplomas

State Superintendent's Panel Mulls Alternate Pathways to Graduation – Hannah

- At Wednesday evening's meeting of the Graduation Advisory Committee led by Superintendent of Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria, education officials from around the state gathered to discuss alternate pathways to graduation

State Toughens Standards for Dropout Schools – Cleveland Plain Dealer

- The state school board on Tuesday passed higher standards for Invictus and the nearly 90 dropout intervention charter schools statewide, as Ohio continues refine how to measure schools that help the most struggling and at-risk students earn diplomas

Educator Credentials Ending This School Year Expire June 30; Time to Renew! – ODE

- June 30 is the expiration date for all educator licenses, permits and certificates that are scheduled to end this school year

Business and Higher Education Support the OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal – ODE

- The Ohio State University recently joined several Ohio businesses to express support for the OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal

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JEOC June 27 Meeting Agenda - JEOC

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Ohio Education & Public Policy

Proposal to Merge Ohio Department of Education Put on Ice – Columbus Dispatch

- A bill pushed by Gov. John Kasich to put the Ohio Department of Education under the governor's direct control has been shelved

Smith 'Focused on Policy' after Speaker Election – Hannah

- As far as his priorities, Smith said he wants to continue a focus on jobs, workforce development, and particularly education. He said he wants to move legislation that allows for short-term certificates, that will help people get in-demand, good-paying jobs

As Yost, Others Press for Action, House Looking to Pass E-School Changes – Columbus Dispatch

- ECOT has been auctioned off in pieces, but the enrollment count issue that led to its downfall and is impacting other Ohio online schools so far remains unaddressed as state lawmakers prepare to head into a summer break

House Opens Hearings on E-School Regulation Bill – Hannah

- Reps. Keith Faber (R-Celina) and Bill Reineke (R-Tiffin) picked up Auditor Dave Yost's recommended changes to e-school oversight in a new bill Tuesday, presenting it to the House Education and Career Readiness Committee

DeWine Offering Drone Photos of Schools for Safety Plans – Columbus Dispatch

- The Bureau of Criminal Investigation's squadron of six drones, normally used to document crime scenes, now is available to take high-quality aerial photographs of buildings for inclusion in school safety plans

AG Expands School Safety Training, Emergency Plan Help – Hannah

- Attorney General Mike DeWine said Wednesday his office is expanding its offerings to help schools plan for emergencies, including armed attacks

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Ohio Attorney General's Drug Use Prevention Resource Guide – Ohio Attorney General

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House Clears Huge Calendar Including Addiction, Justice Bills – Hannah

- In another marathon session, the House voted on two dozen bills Wednesday as it continued to work through a raft of pending measures after the spring leadership impasse held up floor action for several weeks

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Ohio Postsecondary & Workforce Development

Incoming Ohio State Freshmen Line Up for University-Issued iPads – Columbus Dispatch

- Incoming freshmen filed into a room in the Drake Performance and Event Center on Monday morning, one of their first stops after checking in at orientation registration, to receive the Apple iPad they'll have with them throughout their time at Ohio State

Public Universities' Value far Exceeds Public Investment, Study Shows – Columbus Dispatch

- Ohio's public universities added billions to the state's economy in 2016-17, according to an economic impact study released

Report: Ohio Students, Taxpayers Receive Substantial Return on Investment in Higher Education – Hannah

- Despite the rising cost of higher education and growing student debt, both Ohio students and taxpayers profit from investment in its public universities, according to a new report from the Inter-University Council of Ohio (IUC)

Analysis of the Economic Impact and Return on Investment of Education: The Economic Value of the Public Universities of Ohio – Emsi

- Inter-University Council of Ohio's (IUC) public universities create a significant positive impact on the business community in Ohio and generate a return on investment to their major stakeholder groups

State Launches Partnership with Online College WGU – Hannah

- Dozens of staff, students and alumni of Western Governors University (WGU) gathered at the Statehouse Thursday to celebrate the launch of a new partnership aimed at expanding post-secondary education options for adult learners in the state

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Federal & US Department of Education

Comprehensive Center Network Portal – USDOE

- Through a single website, the CC Network portal, anyone interested in learning more of the broad range of education initiatives funded by the U. S. Department of Education, through the Department's comprehensive centers, may examine the hundreds of efforts underway, or completed, through the nation's network of centers

Advocates Worried About Special Ed. Testing Waivers Under ESSA – EdWeek

- U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos has allowed nearly half of states to get wiggle room from a provision in the Every Student Succeeds Act aimed at making sure that only a small percentage of students are taking alternative tests reserved for children with the most significant cognitive disabilities

Trump Officially Proposes Merging U.S. Departments of Education, Labor – EdWeek

- President Donald Trump wants to combine the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Labor into a single agency focused on workforce readiness and career development

Four Things to Know About Trump's Plan to Merge Education, Labor Departments – Edweek

- So President Donald Trump has proposed merging the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Labor into a new U.S. Department of Education and the Workforce. There would be four new sub-agencies, focused on K-12, Higher Education/Workforce Development, Enforcement, and Research/Evaluation/Administration. But what exactly would that mean for educators? And will it actually happen? Here's a quick look at what educators need to know

Reshaping American Government in the 21st Century – The White House Office of Management and Budget

- The Administration's plan serves as a cornerstone for productive, bipartisan dialogue on realigning the Federal Government to more effectively operate in the 21st century

Statement from Secretary DeVos on the Government Reform Plan - USDOE

Janus, the Supreme Court, and Teachers' Unions: An Overview – EdWeek

- The U.S. Supreme Court is poised to deliver a major blow to teachers' unions. The upcoming ruling in Janus v. American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Council 31 will decide if teachers in about half of states still have to pay "agency" or "shop" fees if they're not union members

Supreme Court Rules That States May Collect Taxes on Out-of-State Retailers – EdWeek

- In a potentially major boost to the coffers of states, cities, and school districts, the U.S. Supreme Court on Thursday cleared the way for the enforcement of sales taxes on Internet purchases from retailers that don't have a physical presence in a state

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Education Policy & Finance

Investing In Innovation 'Gems' Show Tricky Path for Districts Using Evidence under ESSA – EdWeek

- Few of the hundreds of programs proposed under the federal Investing in Innovation, or i3, program ultimately led to significant interventions—but those that did provide a window into what it will take for school districts to really use evidence to improve student learning

To Stem Likely Membership Losses, Teachers' Unions Play Offense – Edweek

- When teachers are first hired, they have paperwork to fill out and meetings to attend. This fall, new hires in a growing number of states can add another to-do to their lists: meet with a teachers' union representative

Average Teacher Salary Is Below the Living Wage in Half the Country, Report Says – EdWeek

- In more than half the states, the average teacher is not making a living wage, a new report says. In this report, researchers at the nonprofit Education Resource Strategies make the case for a redesign of education spending and teacher compensation. Too often, researchers charge, states are not providing enough resources to schools—but even when they are, districts are not always allocating the resources in a way that best serves the teaching profession

Rethinking Regulation: Overseeing Performance in a Diversifying Educational Ecosystem – EdChoice

- Real deregulation is about much more than simply getting rid of regulations. It is about focusing the government on the things that it can do well

Addressing the Gap Between Education Research and Practice – Center for American Progress

- This issue brief attempts to address the research-practice gap in the education space. First, it describes some challenges in applying research to educational practice. It then outlines research-practice partnerships (RPPs)—mutually beneficial collaborations between research scientists and education leaders that can narrow the gap between research and practice. Finally, the brief proposes the creation of state-level education capacity centers, which would help leaders in state and local education departments use research to inform practice

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Educator Effectiveness

A Policymaker's Playbook for Transforming Teaching – FutureEd

- In A Policymaker's Playbook: Transforming Public School Teaching in the Nation's Capital, FutureEd Director Thomas Toch explores how DCPS has transformed teaching into a performance-based profession over the past decade

What Other Countries Can Teach the U.S. About Teacher Professional Development – EdWeek

- A new report from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development suggests that specific types of preservice training and professional development may be less related to student achievement than the content and priorities of these programs

'An Expensive Experiment': Gates Teacher-Effectiveness Program Shows No Gains for Students – EdWeek

- The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's multi-million-dollar, multi-year effort aimed at making teachers more effective largely fell short of its goal to increase student achievement—including among low-income and minority students, a new study found

Increasing the Supply of Qualified High School Teachers for Dual Enrollment Programs: An Overview of State and Regional Accreditor Policies – Midwestern Higher Education Compact/ECS

- Seven types of state strategies were identified for increasing the supply of qualified high school teachers: (1) providing general program support; (2) offering financial aid for high school instructors to complete graduate credits; (3) incentivizing professional development through teacher bonuses; (4) increasing awareness of graduate program options; (5) requiring state reporting of teachers attending training and support programs; (6) employing tested experience models; and (7) utilizing alternative course delivery models to facilitate the completion of graduate credits

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Digital Convergence

As Demand for Online Schools Grows, So Does Need for Accurate Evaluation – THE Journal

- A recent national study by NEPC shows enrollment in full-time virtual schools and blended schools (online and face-to-face instruction) increasing at a rapid pace. According to the study, in the 2016-2017 school year, 17,000 more students enrolled in an online school than the previous year, and

80,000 more students enrolled in a blended learning program during the same period

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Personalized Learning Frameworks

A National Landscape Scan of Personalized Learning in K-12 Education in the United States – iNACOL

- This publication provides findings from a national survey of teachers and students to underscore how, and to what extent, core elements of personalized learning are taking hold in K-12 schools and districts across the United States

Personalized Learning at a Crossroads – Center on Reinventing Public Education

- Lessons from the Next Generation Systems Initiative and the Regional Funds for Breakthrough Schools Initiative

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Tech Infrastructure

How to Protect Sensitive Data in SaaS Applications – EdTech K-12

- More professionals and students use Software as a Service (SaaS) on a daily basis. It's not a question of whether to use cloud storage to back up information so much as it is to determine which solution will provide the safely guarded flexibility users expect

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Charter Schools

Rooted in Opportunity: The Walton Family Foundation's Approach to Starting and Growing High-Quality Schools – Walton Family Foundation

- This report details what the Walton Family Foundation is doing to support leaders developing the schools, classrooms and teaching methods of the future, and, just as important, offers portraits of what that good work looks like in real life. We are fueling the growth of great public charter schools as well as new routes to excellent school creation — public charter, district and private

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Dropout Prevention & Re-Engaging Youth

Blueprint for Accountability Systems for Alternative High Schools – Center for American Progress

- Recent analyses show that without meaningful accountability, traditional school districts may push struggling students into low-quality alternative schools.² The analysis shared in this report suggests that measures used to hold these schools accountable may over-identify failure and under-identify success

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Special Education

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English Learners

English-Learners Aren't 'Perpetually Struggling,' We Just Aren't Gauging Their Progress, Study Finds – EdWeek

- Current and former English-language learners have made significant progress in the past 15 years on the test dubbed the "Nation's Report Card"—improving faster than English-only students. That's the takeaway from a study released this morning in the journal *Education Researcher*. Michael Kieffer, an associate professor at New York University, and Karen Thompson, an assistant professor at Oregon State University, found that 4th and 8th grade multilingual students' scores on the National Assessment of Educational Progress in math and reading have risen two to three times faster since 2003 than those of students who speak only English at home

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School Safety & Discipline

Video Games? Media? Bullying? No Single Cause for School Shootings, Experts Tell Safety Commission – EdWeek

- One-by-one, experts speaking to a federal school safety commission addressed factors commonly blamed for school shootings: bullying, mental health issues, violent video games, and media coverage. All of those issues require a thoughtful, research-based response, the panelists told the commission, chaired by U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos, but tackling any single factor alone will not be enough to eliminate school violence

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Mental Health & Wellness

Growing Pressures Feed Kids' Mental Health Issues, Expert Says – Columbus Dispatch

- It's not your imagination, or mere nostalgia for the good ol' days: Today's children and teens have more mental-health problems than earlier generations. The reason is a mix of social, environmental and even dietary factors, but the problem is growing, said experts speaking Wednesday to the Columbus Metropolitan Club

Teens Take Fewer Risks with Sex and Drugs But Face New Challenges = 6 USA Today

- Today's high school students have less sex and take fewer drugs than those of decades past, but they face some newly recognized risks, including misuse of pain pills, according to a report released

20% of Educators Say They've Been Sexually Harassed or Assaulted at Work – EdWeek

- The #MeToo movement has felled the careers of some of the most celebrated and influential men in the country while exposing the pervasiveness of sexual harassment and assault in industry after industry. As more women come forward, it seems no place is immune: whether it be inside Hollywood, the Washington Beltway, or the news room. The same is true, it turns out, of the schoolhouse

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Social-Emotional Learning

How (and Why) Ed-Tech Companies Are Tracking Students' Feelings – EdWeek

- It's just one example of a growing push to use educational technology to measure, monitor, and modify students' emotions, mindsets, and ways of

thinking. The trend is provoking strong and conflicting reactions throughout the K-12 world

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Career- and Postsecondary-Readiness

New Skills for Youth: Building Pathways to Success – JP Morgan Chase

- The initiative will provide a select group of state and local partnerships with the opportunity to design and implement rigorous, demand-driven education systems that dramatically increase the number of students who complete career pathways beginning in secondary school and culminating in valuable postsecondary credentials

Increasing the Supply of Qualified High School Teachers for Dual Enrollment Programs: An Overview of State and Regional Accreditor Policies – Midwestern Higher Education Compact/ECS

- Seven types of state strategies were identified for increasing the supply of qualified high school teachers: (1) providing general program support; (2) offering financial aid for high school instructors to complete graduate credits; (3) incentivizing professional development through teacher bonuses; (4) increasing awareness of graduate program options; (5) requiring state reporting of teachers attending training and support programs; (6) employing tested experience models; and (7) utilizing alternative course delivery models to facilitate the completion of graduate credits

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Postsecondary & Workforce Development

Report Urges Adoption of 'Demand Driven Education' – Education DIVE

- The Demand Driven Education report says higher education has had stages of reform that first focused on access for all types of students and then their success. Now, the report says, it should turn attention to better preparing students for jobs available now and that will develop in the future

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Curriculum

A Bold Effort to End Algebra Tracking Shows Promise – EdWeek

- Part of an ambitious project to end the relentless assignment of underserved students into lower-level math, the city now requires all students to take math

courses of equal rigor through geometry, in classrooms that are no longer segregated by ability. That means no "honors" classes. No gifted track. No weighted GPAs until later in high school. No 8th grade Algebra 1

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District Leaders Seek Interoperability to Access Data Educators Need – EdWeek

- With many districts running up to 100 ed-tech applications—most operating within a closed ecosystem of their own data—that kind of access to cross-reference pieces of information about students is often impossible for schools

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Leadership

The Pre-K-8 School Leader in 2018: A 10-Year Study – NAESP/UCEA

- The Pre-K-8 School Leader in 2018: A 10-Year Study is the ninth in this series of research studies, and it imparts new information about the current education climate; the challenges veteran, early career, and assistant principals face; the students they serve; and the conditions under which they work

School Leadership: A Primer for Policymakers – ECS

- Because principals are key to teacher and student success, it is important for states to develop policies that support them throughout their careers — from preparation to evaluation and ongoing support. By first adopting strong school leadership standards and further aligning policies with these standards, states can help ensure effective principals lead more schools — and the teachers and students within those schools

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International Benchmarking

What Other Countries Can Teach the U.S. About Teacher Professional Development – EdWeek

- A new report from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development suggests that specific types of preservice training and professional development may be less related to student achievement than the content and priorities of these programs

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Ohio Legislation Update

(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)

HOUSE

HB3 DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations

STATUS: House Finance Committee – Reported out

HB8 PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 29-0; House concurs, Vote 88-0

HB14AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB21COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments
STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 31-0; House concurs, Vote 87-0

HB24VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS-TAX EXEMPTION (Rep. Timothy Ginter) - To modify the existing tax exemption for veterans organizations' property, to make appropriations and otherwise provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs, and to declare an emergency
STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

HB37SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security
STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB40GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database
Status: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out

HB47STUDENTS IN MILITARY (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges
STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB49OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget
STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective July 1, 2017

HB51DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review
STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB53PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent

public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB58CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 89-4

HB66UNDERGRAD MISSION STUDY COMMITTEE (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB69LEVY REVENUE REIMBURSEMENT (Rep. Bob Cupp) To require reimbursement of certain township fire and emergency medical service levy revenue forgone because of the creation of a municipal tax increment financing district

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective March 23, 2018

HB74INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB77SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB80SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

HB87COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB89AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB98 CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students
STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective June 29, 2018

HB102 SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB103 FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective October 17, 2017

HB108 INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Reported out

HB110 COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

HB118 TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0

HB124 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

HB129 SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee

HB134 SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB163 PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB166 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB170 COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey)

With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; and to authorize public schools to establish computer science and technology funds

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective March 23, 2018

HB176 SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended

HB179 IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB181 ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB186 COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB200 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended

HB203 YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

HB217 COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB220 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB224 RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to

students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB227 LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS (Rep. Sarah LaTourette)
To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate

STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee – Reported out as amended

HB235 EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB237 MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB240 RESPECT YOUR DATE ACT (Barnes, Jr. J) To enact the "Respect Your Date Act" to designate the month of April as "Respect Your Date Month" and to require each state institution of higher education to adopt a policy regarding dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and rape on campus and to declare an emergency

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Reported out as amended

HB242 SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments

STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB246 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS (Rep. John Boccieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB262 INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or

the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB298 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee

HB312 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARDS (Rep. Kirk Schuring, Rep. Dave Greenspan) Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB318 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DEFINITION (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers

STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

HB322 SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLANS (Rep. Adam Miller, Rep. Bernadine Kent) To revise the law regarding emergency management plans and school safety drills; to require each educational service center to employ an emergency response planner; to make an appropriation; and to declare an emergency

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB337 TEXTBOOK SALES TAX EXEMPTION (Rep. Mike Duffey) To exempt from sales and use tax textbooks purchased by post-secondary students

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee – Reported out as amended

HB338 BUS DRIVER MEDICAL EXAMS (Rep. Tim Ginter) Regarding medical examinations for school bus drivers

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

HB342 LOCAL TAX ISSUES-ELECTION DATES (Rep. Derek Merrin) To permit local tax-related proposals to appear only on general and primary election ballots and not on an August special election ballot and to modify the information conveyed in election notices and ballot language for property tax levies

STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 61-32

HB343 PROPERTY VALUE CONTEST-RESOLUTIONS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To require local governments that contest property values to formally pass an authorizing resolution for each contest and to notify property owners

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Ways & Means Committee

HB360 ANTI-BULLYING AND HAZING (Rep. Dave Greenspan) To enact the "Ohio Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act" with regard to school discipline and bullying and hazing policies at public schools and public colleges

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB361 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINTS TIMEFRAME (Rep. Dave Greenspan) To increase the time within which boards of revision must decide property tax complaints

STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 91-2

HB363 CAMPUS FREE SPEECH (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Andrew Brenner) To enact the "Campus Free Speech Act" with respect to the freedom of speech and assembly at state institutions of higher education and the charging and allocation of student activity fees

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB369 PER PUPIL FUNDING GUARANTEE (Rep. Martin Sweeney) To prescribe a per pupil funding guarantee for certain school districts and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB377 CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE EDUCATION (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Dan Ramos) With respect to age-appropriate student instruction in child sexual abuse and sexual violence prevention and in-service staff training in child sexual abuse prevention

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB378 OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT (Rep. Ryan Smith, Rep. Jack Cera) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Finance Committee

HB383 CHILD CARE HEALTH & SAFETY RISKS (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding parental notice of serious risks to the health or safety of children receiving child care

STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 91-2

HB396 STEM DEGREE LOAN REPAYMENT (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To create the STEM Degree Loan Repayment Program and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB399 HEALTH INSURANCE SAVINGS INCENTIVES (Rep. Michael Henne, Rep. James Butler, Jr.) To enact the Ohio Right to Shop Act to require health insurers to establish shared savings incentive programs for enrollees

STATUS: House Health Committee

HB413 PERS ADJUSTMENT-DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES EMPLOYEES (Rep. Gary Scherer) Regarding Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) annual cost-of-living adjustments granted to allowance and benefit recipients and PERS service credit for services as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of developmental disabilities

STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee

HB418 SCHOOL RECORDS TRANSFER (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To require a public or chartered nonpublic school to transmit a student's records within five business days when the student transfers to another school

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB426 SCHOOL SEXUAL CONDUCT (Rep. Christina Hagan) To prohibit an employee of a school or institution of higher education who is not in a position of authority from engaging in sexual conduct with certain students

STATUS: House Criminal Justice Committee

HB428 STUDENT RELIGIOUS LIBERTIES ACT (Rep. Tim Ginter, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) Regarding student religious expression and to entitle the act the "Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 2018"

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Reported out

HB432 STUDENT LOAN OMBUDSMAN & LICENSURE (Rep. Kristin Boggs, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require student loan servicers to be licensed by the Division of Financial Institutions and to create the position of student loan ombudsperson in the Division of Financial Institutions to provide assistance to student loan borrowers

STATUS: House Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development Committee

HB438 ESC ANNEXATION (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To permit the addition of appointed members to educational service center boards and to permit a local school district to sever its territory from one educational service center and annex that territory to an adjacent service center under specified conditions

STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 31-0; House concurs, Vote 72-15

HB442 SCHOOL ATHLETICS-F1 VISA (Rep. Niraj Antani) To authorize any student from a country or province outside the United States who attends an elementary or secondary school in Ohio and holds an F-1 visa to participate in interscholastic athletics at that school on the same basis as Ohio residents

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB443 MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION (Rep. Martin Sweeney) To require school district boards of education to incorporate mental health instruction into their health education curricula

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB449 CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSOR RATINGS-UNIVERSITIES (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. John Patterson) To require the Department of Education to attribute any community school sponsor ratings an entity received during its relationship with a state university board of trustees to that entity even if it no longer has a relationship with the university

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB477 ELIMINATE EDUCATION PROGRAMS (Rep. Kyle Koehler) To eliminate various provisions and programs related to the Department of Education and the operation of primary and secondary schools

STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 93-0

HB487 RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL-COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To eliminate the right of first refusal for community schools, college-preparatory boarding schools, and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics schools in the acquisition of school district real property

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB488 PROPERTY TAX LEVY-BALLOT LANGUAGE (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. John Becker) To modify the information conveyed in election notices and ballot language for property tax levies

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB491 SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS-SPECIFIED SERVICES (Rep. Jay Edwards) To require the State Board of Education to issue a substitute license to specified pupil services personnel

STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 86-2

HB502 YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING-PUBLIC (Rep. Marlene Anielski) With regard to educator in-service training on youth suicide awareness and prevention in public schools

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted & reported out

HB503 YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING-PRIVATE (Rep. Marlene Anielski) With regard to educator in-service training on youth suicide awareness and prevention in private schools

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB508 OHIOCORPS PILOT PROJECT (Rep. Scott Ryan, Rep. William Reineke) To establish the OhioCorps Pilot Project and to make an appropriation

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Finance Committee

HB512 CONSOLIDATE CAREER-EDUCATION GOVERNANCE (Rep. William Reineke) To establish the Department of Learning and Achievement; to abolish the Department of Higher Education, the position of the Chancellor of Higher Education, and the Ohio Board of Regents; to transfer, with exceptions, the duties regarding the administration of primary and secondary education programs and all duties regarding the administration of higher education programs to the Department of Learning and Achievement; and to prescribe certain duties regarding educator licensure, community school sponsorship, and other education programs for the State Board of Education, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Department of Education

STATUS: House Government Oversight & Accountability Committee

HB517 MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Rep. Tim Schaffer, Rep. David Leland) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month."

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Reported out

HB524 529 CONTRIBUTIONS IN OTHER STATES (Rep. Gary Scherer, Rep. John Patterson) To expand the income tax deduction allowed for contributions to Ohio's 529 college savings program to include contributions to 529 programs established by other states

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB526 VOLUNTEER SCHOOL SECURITY (Rep. Anthony DeVitis, Rep. Martin Sweeney) To authorize a public or chartered nonpublic school to enter into an agreement with a volunteer law enforcement officer to patrol school premises to prevent or respond to a mass casualty event, to provide the parties with a qualified immunity from civil liability, and to provide a tax credit for volunteer service

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB529 CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS (Rep. Scott Ryan) To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects and to make reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2020

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective June 29, 2018

HB538 TAXES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND INCREASE (Rep. Jack Cera, Rep. John Rogers) To increase the proportion of state tax revenue allocated to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.53% beginning July 1, 2019

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB540 TEACHER EVALUATIONS (Rep. Theresa Gavarone, Rep. Nathan Manning) With regard to teacher evaluations

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Reported out

HB544 STATE BOARD-ADOPT SCHOOL SAFETY STANDARDS (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Rick Perales) To require the State Board of Education to adopt rules prescribing standards for safety enhancements to new public and nonpublic school

facilities and to require the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission to revise its construction and design standards to comply with the State Board's standards

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB547 PERS- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SCHOOL EMPLOYEE (Rep. Jay Edwards) Regarding Public Employees Retirement System service credit for services as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of development disabilities

STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee

HB549 SCHOOL OPENINGS-AFTER LABOR DAY (Rep. Steve Arndt) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB559 IMMUNIZATION-SCHOOLS (Rep. Anne Gonzales, Rep. Al Landis) To make changes to the law governing immunization of children enrolled in school, preschool programs, and day-care programs

STATUS: House Health Committee – Bill amended

HB572 PERS- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SCHOOL EMPLOYEE (Rep. Gary Scherer, Rep. Stephanie Howse) Regarding Public Employees Retirement System service credit for services as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of developmental disabilities

STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted & reported out

HB591 STATE REPORT CARD REVISIONS (Rep. Mike Duffey) To revise the state report card rating system for school districts and public schools

STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB594 PAYMENTS MUNICIPAL CORPS/SCHOOLS BUSINESS LAYOFFS (Rep. Dan Ramos) Enacts section 131.46 of the Revised Code to provide for payments to municipalities or school districts for their lost income tax revenue after a business lays off 50 or more employees within their jurisdiction

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee

HB603 IN-STATE TUITION-MILITARY SERVICE (Rep. Rick Perales) To grant residency status for in-state tuition purposes at state institutions of higher education to all military service members who are on active duty and to their spouses and dependents

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB605 OVERTIME LAW EXEPTION (Rep. Brigid Kelly, Rep. Kent Smith) To raise the salary threshold above which certain employees are exempt from the overtime law

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB609 EXPULSION-THREAT OF VIOLENCE (Rep. Jim Hughes) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for communicating a threat of violence to occur on school grounds

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB611 ONLINE SCHOOL PAYMENT (Rep. Keith Faber, Rep. Kristina Roegner) To condition payment from the Department of Education to an Internet or computer-based community school on the school's use of automatically verifiable software that tracks attendance, class size, and participation

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB619 UNBORN CHILD EDUCATION (Rep. Niraj Antani) To require the development of an instructional program and educational and informational materials and the dissemination of those materials to protect the humanity of the unborn child and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB620 REGULATION REDUCTION (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To require agencies to reduce the number of regulatory restrictions

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB626 MORATORIUM-ACADEMIC DISTRESS COMMISSIONS (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Teresa Fedor) To establish a moratorium on the creation of new academic distress commissions

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB628 RESIDENT EDUCATOR LICENSES (Rep. Dick Stein, Rep. Wes Retherford) With regard to qualifications for obtaining a resident educator license

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB630 ALTERNATIVE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS EXTENSION (Rep. Tavia Galonski) To extend the alternative graduation requirements for two additional years

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB635 SCHOOL LICENSE PLATE PROGRAM (Rep. Dan Ramos) To create a school license plate program

STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee

HB652 LOVING STATE INDEX (Rep. Stephanie Howse) To create the Loving State Index and the Loving State Index Commission to evaluate and rank municipal corporations in Ohio regarding critical supports that are vital to student academic

success in order to identify gaps in opportunity for low-income individuals and minority individuals

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB654 APPROPRIATION-DISBURSEMENTS TO SUBDIVISIONS (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Kristin Boggs) To make a supplemental appropriation under the budget of the Auditor of State to make disbursements to political subdivisions appearing on the Auditor of State's fiscal caution, fiscal watch, or fiscal emergency list during the FY 2018-FY 2019 biennium

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB663 COLLEGE PROGRAM NOTIFICATION (Rep. Dan Ramos) To require the establishment of a program to notify college students of eligibility for programs and services of the Departments of Job and Family Services and Medicaid

STATUS: House Community & Family Advancement Committee

HB666 COLLEGE EXPENSE TAX CREDIT (Rep. Dan Ramos) To authorize a refundable income tax credit for the amount of undergraduate higher education expenses paid by or on behalf of a student to attend a public Ohio institution of higher education

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB668 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FACILITIES (Rep. Tom Patton) To authorize state agencies, state institutions of higher education, counties, townships, municipal corporations, school districts, community schools, STEM schools, and college-preparatory boarding schools to enter into public-private initiatives with a private party through a public-private agreement regarding public facilities

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB671 SCHOOL DRINKING WATER TESTS (Rep. John Barnes, Jr.) To require the Director of Environmental Protection to adopt rules establishing procedures and requirements governing annual testing of school drinking water for lead, to name this act the State Water Quality Act for Kids, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: House Energy & Natural Resources Committee

HB680 SCHOOL BUS SEAT BELTS (Rep. John Barnes, Jr.) To require all passenger seats on school buses to be equipped with occupant restraining devices beginning on July 1, 2019, and to designate "Safe School Week."

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB682 HOPE FOR A SMILE DENTAL PROGRAM (Rep. John Barnes, Jr.) To establish the Hope for a Smile Program through which buses are operated to offer dental hygiene services to Ohio schoolchildren and to fund the Program through a combination of cigarette and tobacco tax receipts, donations, and Medicaid and insurance reimbursements

STATUS: House Health Committee

HB686 ABOLISH ACADEMIC DISTRESS COMMISSIONS-COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS (Rep. John Barnes, Jr.) To enact the "Student Transformative Academic Restoration Act" to abolish academic distress commissions and to instead require the creation of community learning centers for poor performing districts, to establish an office of grants and philanthropic gestures within the Department of Education, to create the State Business Intervention Fund, to create a teacher education advancement program, and to modify earmarked appropriations for academic distress commissions
STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB691 PROPERTY LEASES-SPONSOR CHANGE (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To allow school district boards of education to terminate property leases with community schools when they change sponsors
STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB693 STATE CERTIFICATION-GUNS IN SCHOOLS (Rep. Ron Young) To require a state certification to carry a firearm into a school safety zone and to grant an income tax credit for school employees or contractors who have such certification
STATUS: House Federalism & Interstate Relations Committee

HB702 ESC SOCIAL WORKERS (Rep. Nathan Manning) To make an appropriation for grants to support the employment of social workers at educational service centers
STATUS: Introduced

HB703 CONCEALED CARRY-PUBLIC PREMISES (Rep. John Becker) To enact the "Decriminalization Effort For Ending Notorious Deaths -- Teachers With Options (DEFEND-TWO)" to allow a concealed handgun licensee or qualified military member to carry a concealed handgun in certain public premises, to reduce the penalty for a concealed handgun licensee who carries a concealed handgun in a prohibited place, and to prohibit public employers and universities from disciplining employees or students who lawfully carry a concealed handgun on the premises
STATUS: Introduced

HB705 LOSS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Catherine Ingram) Regarding the circumstances in which school district and educational service center treasurers may be held liable for a loss of public funds
STATUS: Introduced

HB707 ONLINE CHARTER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Keith Faber) With regard to the operation of internet- and computer-based community schools and to require the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review to review the Department of Education's manual on full-time equivalency student enrollment reporting
STATUS: Introduced

HB708 PUBLIC PENSION DOUBLE DIPPING (Rep. John Becker) To enact the "Double Dippers Inappropriately Privileged (DDIP)" to provide that an individual retiring on or after the effective date of this act from one of the state's public retirement systems who is re-employed as a public employee will not receive the pension portion of the retirement allowance for the period of employment
STATUS: Introduced

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SENATE

SB3 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week
STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House, Vote 93-1; Senate concurs, Vote 32-0

SB5 INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency
STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 32-1

SB8 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security
STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective March 23, 2018

SB9 AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes
STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

SB10 PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election
STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Substitute bill accepted

SB15 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish

guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB17LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB22INCORPORATING FEDERAL REVENUE CHANGES (Sen. Bob Peterson) To expressly incorporate changes in the Internal Revenue Code since February 14, 2016, into Ohio law

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

SB34SCHOOL YEARS (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB36AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB39COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB54SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB72PREVAILING WAGE LAW (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB79STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's

cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 24-9

SB82 SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Education & Career Readiness Committee

SB85 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB88 SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB97 REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB104 PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB105 MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Education & Career Readiness Committee

SB111 SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB123 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located

STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee

SB124 COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges' career certification programs

STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee

SB133 STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB140 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB149 ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB151 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment

STATUS: Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee

SB172 HUNGER-FREE STUDENTS RIGHTS (Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act to require schools to provide certain services to students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB175 RECOVERED FUNDS-SCHOOL AUDIT (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB191 ESTABLISH SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To establish the Breakfast After The Bell Program for public schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB196 AGGRAVATED BULLYING-OFFENSE CREATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Edna Brown) To create the offense of aggravated bullying, a third-degree misdemeanor

STATUS: Senate Judiciary Committee

SB197 SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Edna Brown) To require a tiered disciplinary procedure for harassment, intimidation, or bullying in school; to require annual student instruction about preventing such acts; and to create the offense of aggravated bullying as a third-degree misdemeanor

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB199 OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni, Sen. Cliff Hite) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Introduced

SB203 MUNICIPAL TAX RULE REINSTATEMENT (Sen. Matt Dolan) To reinstate the municipal income tax "throw-back rule" used in apportioning business income among municipalities

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB209 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS-TIF (Sen. William Coley, Sen. John Eklund) To modify the conditions that determine the relative priority of property tax exemptions when a parcel subject to a tax increment financing arrangement concurrently qualifies for another exemption

STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee

SB213 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING PLAN (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To enhance economic and employment opportunities and improve local infrastructure in Ohio by providing additional assistance to workforce development and employment programs; establishing a revolving loan program for small businesses seeking to expand operations; extending job tax credits to smaller businesses; enabling expanded participation in public sector contracting by smaller companies; enhancing support for childcare centers; funding additional local infrastructure and public transit; authorizing tax incentives for hiring military veterans, for donating money to local programs assisting distressed communities, or for improving distressed property; exempting the homes of disabled veterans from property taxation; terminating the income tax deduction and reduced tax rate for business income; and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB216 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEREGULATION ACT (Sen. Matt Huffman) To enact the "Ohio Public School Deregulation Act" regarding the administration of preschool and primary and secondary education programs

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Education & Career Readiness Committee
– Bill amended**

SB225 OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni, Sen. John Eklund) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee – Substitute bill accepted & amended

SB226 SALES TAX HOLIDAY-SCHOOL SAFETY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a permanent three-day sales tax "holiday" each August during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use tax, to authorize a county school financing district property tax for school safety, security, and mental health services, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

SB239 REGIONAL COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS (Sen. Matt Dolan) To modify the law concerning regional councils of governments

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House State & Local Government Committee

SB240 REGARDING TEACHER EVALUATIONS (Sen. Peggy Lehner) With regard to teacher evaluations

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB241 ACCREDITED NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CATEGORY (Sen. Louis Terhar, Sen. Cecil Thomas) To establish a category of nonpublic schools called "accredited nonpublic schools" and to prescribe requirements and exemptions for such schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB246 STUDENT SAFETY ACT (Sen. Peggy Lehner, Sen. Gayle Manning) To enact the "SAFE Act" to revise the procedures for emergency removal of a student, to prohibit certain suspensions and expulsions of students in grades prekindergarten through three, to require each public school to implement a positive behavior intervention and supports framework in accordance with state standards, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Education & Career Readiness Committee

SB258 AWARDING SCHOOL SAFETY FUNDS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To require the State Board of Education to establish criteria and procedures for the awarding of school safety funds to school districts and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB262 EATING DISORDER EDUCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require public schools annually to provide parents of students in any of grades five through twelve with educational information regarding eating disorders

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB266 CAPITAL BUDGET (Sen. Scott Oelslager) To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects and to make reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2020

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB276 EXPULSION OF STUDENTS (Sen. Jay Hottinger) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for actions that endanger the health and safety of other students or school employees

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB287 K-12 HEALTH EDUCATION STANDARDS (Sen. Vernon Sykes) To require the State Board of Education to develop and adopt health education standards for grades kindergarten through twelve and to require only venereal disease education standards and curriculum adopted by the State Board to be approved by concurrent resolution of the General Assembly

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB289 THREATS OF SCHOOL VIOLENCE (Sen. Stephanie Kunze) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for communicating a threat of violence to occur on school grounds

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB293 REDUCTION OF AGENCY REGULATIONS (Sen. Bob Peterson, Sen. Robert McColley) To require agencies to reduce the number of regulatory restrictions

STATUS: Senate Transportation, Commerce & Workforce Committee

SB294 PILOT PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS (Sen. John Eklund, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To increase the maximum amount that may be awarded to students under the Pilot Project (Cleveland) Scholarship Program

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB302 HEALTH AND EQUITY INITIATIVE (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To create the Health and Equity in All Policies Initiative and the Health and Equity Interagency Team

STATUS: Introduced

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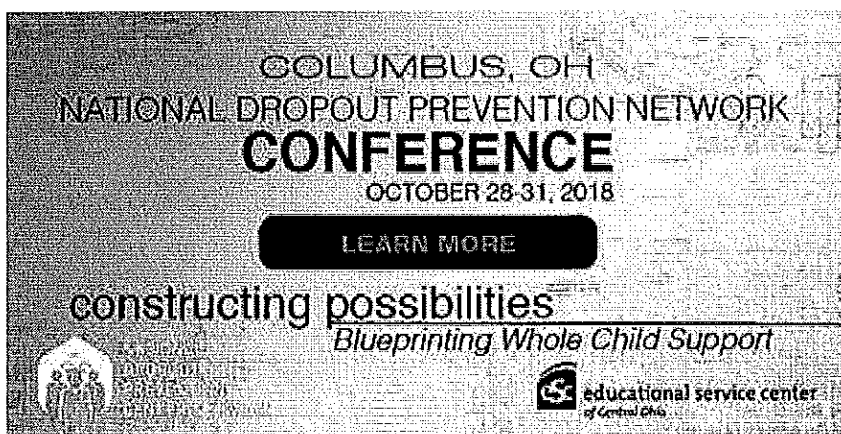
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FEATURED ITEMS

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES STRATEGIC

PLAN – *At its June meeting, the State Board of Education approved its strategic plan, EachChild=OurFuture, laying out a framework for the state's educational goals, strategies and guiding principles. The plan= 2s vision is that EachChild graduates from high school, and each graduate is prepared with the knowledge, skills and disposition to pursue his or her chosen post-high school path and become a lifelong learner who is an engaged, culturally aware and contributing member of society. The overarching goal is to annually increase the percentage of Ohio= 2s high school graduates who, within one year of graduation, are: 1) Enrolled and succeeding in a post-high school learning experience, including an adult career-technical education program, an apprenticeship and/or a two-year or four-year college program (15 semester hours); or 2) Serving in a military branch; or 3) Earning a living wage.*

After Year of Work, State Board Passes Strategic Plan for Education – Hannah

- The State Board of Education voted Tuesday to approve its strategic plan titled "EachChild=OurFuture," which lays out a broad framework for the state's educational goals, strategies and guiding principles.

Ohio Strategic Plan for Education - ODE

New Ohio School Plan: Equity, Social issues as Crucial as Math, Reading – Dayton Daily News

- The state school board's new strategic plan for Ohio education puts development of social skills and leadership on equal footing with literacy, math and other traditional academics

Emotional, Leadership and Critical Thinking Skills Are Officially Equal Goals for Ohio's Schools as Math and English – Cleveland Plain Dealer

- Ohio's schools should move away from their test-driven focus of the last several years toward helping the "whole child" develop emotional, reasoning, and leadership skills, the state school board decided Tuesday as it passed its new "strategic plan" calling for major changes in schools' approach

ATTORNEY GENERAL RELEASES DRUG USE PREVENTION RESOURCE GUIDE FOR SCHOOLS – Ohio Attorney General Mike

DeWine's Joint Study Committee on Drug Use Prevention Education released a resource guide to help schools develop comprehensive prevention services. The guide walks users through the strategic planning process of developing a comprehensive drug-prevention plan for their classroom, school, or district. The committee identified 12 prevention services that, it believes, make up a comprehensive prevention plan, including: Before- and after-school programs; Cross-curricular prevention education; Health education curricula; Social-emotional learning; School climate and drug-use surveys; Alcohol, drug, and mental health board engagement and treatment providers; Caregiver engagement; Law enforcement engagement; Professional development in mental health and substance use; Youth-led prevention; Community-based health referrals; and School-based health care services.

AG, Joint Study Committee Release Guide to Effective Drug Prevention Programming – Hannah

- Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine Monday released the Drug Use Prevention Education Resource Guide aimed at helping schools implement effective drug use prevention programming

Ohio Attorney General's Drug Use Prevention Resource Guide – Ohio Attorney General

- To help schools develop comprehensive prevention services, the committee developed this guide, which walks school leaders through each facet of prevention education

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OHIO

Central Ohio Schools

Central Ohio Schools Absorbing Puerto Rican Students in Wake of Hurricane – Columbus Dispatch

- And more will be arriving this year and the next, if estimates are correct. Researchers at the City University of New York predicted last fall that Ohio will receive about 30,000 Puerto Ricans by 2020 — the sixth-most of any state

Ohio Becomes More Diverse as Asian, Hispanic Populations Grow – Columbus Dispatch

- Ohio's population continues to become more diverse, mostly because of growth in the numbers of Asian and Hispanic residents, new census estimates show

BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS

Big Walnut, Olentangy Schools Awarded Purple Stars – Sunbury News

- Since the creation of the Purple Star designation program for Ohio schools by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) in November 2017, local school districts have been well represented. This week, six more schools in the Big Walnut and Olentangy Local school districts were awarded the designation for their commitment to students and families connected with the military

CHILLICOTHE CITY SCHOOLS

How a Chillicothe High School Student Has Been Key to New Buildings' Completion – Chillicothe Gazette

- Gossman, who will be a senior in the fall, is at the leading edge of what city schools STEM consultant Kathy Payne hopes will become a bustling internship program pairing students interested in science, technology, engineering and math careers with companies that can provide exposure to those careers

City Schools to Discuss Several Building Move Issues – Chillicothe Gazette

- The Chillicothe City Schools Board of Education will turn its attention to several logistical details of the school moves at a special meeting

City Schools Explore Busing, Other Issues for New Year – Chillicothe Gazette

- The Chillicothe City Schools should be ready to occupy the new Pre-K through 2 building a couple of weeks before students arrive to start the

school year, while a completion date for the grades 3 through 6 building remains uncertain

COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS

Columbus Schools to Bid for Former ECOT Headquarters Building

- So it was with more than a tinge of irony that the Columbus Board of Education on Monday approved a plan for its treasurer to bid on buying ECOT's former posh South Side headquarters building at auction Tuesday for use as a district administrative building

City Schools Win Auction for Shuttered ECOT Headquarters – Columbus Dispatch

- Columbus City Schools won an electronic auction Tuesday for the now-defunct ECOT's former sprawling South Side headquarters and almost 27 acres of land

ECOT Auction Ends with HQ Going to Columbus Schools – Hannah

- The court-ordered auction of assets from the defunct Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow (ECOT) ended this week with the biggest ticket item, the former shopping mall site that served as the online school's headquarters, going to Columbus City Schools

Tentative Timeline Set for Columbus Schools Superintendent Search – Columbus Dispatch

- The next superintendent of Columbus City Schools might be announced in mid-October and on the job by January, under a timeline the Columbus Board of Education set with its hired search firm on Monday night

Columbus Schools Administrative Buildings Worth a Lot, Appraisal Shows – Columbus Dispatch

- The Columbus City Schools Downtown administrative building would fetch an estimated \$4.59 million if sold, an appraisal says

CoverMyMeds Proposes 1,000 New HQ Jobs for Columbus in Return for Tax Deal – Columbus Dispatch

- But first, the developer — in negotiation with the Columbus Development Department — wants a 15-year, 100-percent property-tax abatement from Columbus City Schools or it will go to a different site within the district that doesn't require any board approval and the city would not have to share income-tax revenue, project participants told the board

DELAWARE CITY SCHOOLS

Delaware City School District's Summer Lunch Program Feeds Bellies, Minds – This Week

- Forty-five youngsters showed up June 4 at Woodward Elementary School for the opening day of the Delaware City School District's summer lunch program

Delaware's Summer Enrichment Academy Wraps Learning in Fun Packages – This Week

- About 90 students participated in the Delaware City School District's Summer Enrichment Academy last week, which teacher Kevin West called "learning for the sake of learning"

BOE Approves Widening Project, Staffing Changes – Delaware Gazette

- The Delaware City Schools Board of Education approved a \$15,000 contract with the City of Delaware for the William Street widening project as well as a number of staffing changes during its meeting

DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS

Dublin School Board Delays Vote on November Ballot Issue – Columbus Dispatch/This Week

- Dublin City School District officials have pushed back a vote to place a tax issue on the November ballot so they have more time to answer questions

GAHANNA-JEFFERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Gahanna-Jefferson Has Short List for High School Principal – This Week

- Four candidates are being considered for the job of principal at Gahanna Lincoln High School, including two current district employees

GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOLS

Ingenuity Brought to Light at Camp Invention – This Week

- Anyone observing the students participating in last week's Camp Invention program would have to believe that formula also includes elation

GROVEPORT MADISON LOCAL SCHOOLS

Shape of Possible New Schools Still Unclear for Groveport Madison – Columbus Messenger

- Parents in the Groveport Madison school district may be warming up to the idea of a K-8 grade configuration for the district's proposed new schools

HILLIARD CITY SCHOOLS

Hilliard Schools Board Extends Superintendent's Contract – Columbus Dispatch

- The Hilliard Board of Education has extended the contract of Superintendent John Marschhausen

Hilliard City Schools' John Marschhausen Receives New Contract – This Week

- Hilliard City Schools Superintendent John Marschhausen will continue to lead the district through July 2023 after the school board acted June 11 to extend an employment contract

District Leaders Must Ask – Should We Be Doing More? – This Week Hilliard Schools Connection

- John Marschhausen, superintendent of Hilliard City Schools, writes regarding some topics he believes they need to talk about, knowing these will be difficult conversations

School's Out So Hilliard District's Annual Repairs Underway – This Week

- Students might be out of school but activity continues this summer at numerous Hilliard City Schools buildings as the district completes \$6 million in improvements

OLENTANGY LOCAL SCHOOLS

Olentangy Teachers OK New 3-Year Contract, with Raises Each Year – Columbus Dispatch

- The Olentangy Board of Education voted last week to approve a three-year contract with the Olentangy Teachers Association, effective July 1 and running through June 30, 2021

Olentangy Teachers Land Three-Year Deal, Raises – This Week

- The Olentangy school board June 14 unanimously approved a three-year agreement with the Olentangy Teachers Association

Olentangy Board Selects Three Schools for Additions – This Week

- Work is underway to add 18 new classrooms at three Olentangy elementary schools in the hopes they will ease crowding in time for the 2019-20 school year

Think Tank Gets Teachers Revved Up for New Year – This Week

- School's out for the summer -- but not so fast for hundreds of Olentangy educators

Big Walnut, Olentangy Schools Awarded Purple Stars – Sunbury News

- Since the creation of the Purple Star designation program for Ohio schools by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) in November 2017, local school districts have been well represented. This week, six more schools in the Big Walnut and Olentangy Local school districts were awarded the designation for their commitment to students and families connected with the military

REYNOLDSBURG CITY SCHOOLS

\$1.1M Grant Will Support Literacy Plan – This Week

- A new literacy program will be implemented throughout the Reynoldsburg school district this fall, thanks to a \$1.1 million grant awarded in May by the Ohio Department of Education

SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SCHOOLS

Little Struggles Can Lead to Big Strides in Learning – This Week South-Western Subject Matter

- April Weese, curriculum coordinator for the South-Western City Schools, writes that their goal is for the students to be problem solvers and mathematicians. To accomplish this, they engage them in productive struggle. There is not just one way to solve a problem and they often have to fail before they succeed

WHITEHALL CITY SCHOOLS

Smathers, Whitehall-Yearling Principal, Accepts Groveport Job – This Week

- Whitehall Yearling High School Principal Paul Smathers will step down effective July 31 to take a job in Groveport

Whitehall District Leaders Eye Fall Ballot for Rare Issue – This Week

- Whitehall City School District voters likely will be asked in November to consider a ballot issue that would allow an addition to Rosemore Middle School and renovations at Whitehall-Yearling High School

WORTHINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

Worthington School Officials, Residents Debate Putting Resource Officers in High Schools – Columbus Dispatch

- The Worthington Board of Education meeting Monday night was the site of a lively debate similar to that being held at many school districts across the nation: should there be armed school resource officers in the district's two high schools

Should Worthington Have School Resource Officers? – This Week

- The Worthington school board meeting June 11 was the site of a lively debate similar to that being held at many school districts across the nation: Should there be armed school-resource officers in the district's two high schools?

Plan for Full-Time Officers at Worthington High Schools under Consideration June 25 – This Week

- Worthington Schools this month unveiled a potential plan to add full-time officers known as school-resource officers at Thomas Worthington and Worthington Kilbourne high schools

Worthington Schools Will Seek Bond Issue, Levy in November – Columbus Dispatch

- Worthington City Schools will be asking voters for more money this fall for renovations and to fund daily operations

Learning Never Stops in Worthington Schools – This Week It's Worth It

- Trent Bowers, superintendent of Worthington City Schools, writes that the summer months provide a chance for students and educators to extend the learning experience in many ways

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Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education

Committee Sends Community Connectors Grant Recommendations to Superintendent – Hannah

- As many as 71 programs around the state might receive grants to support youth mentorship programs after an advisory board voted Friday to recommend them as recipients of Community Connectors Grants

State Board of Education to Consider Administrative Rules – Hannah

- The State Board of Education will convene at the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) next week where members will consider two sets of rule revisions, one dealing with the process for scoring and reporting tests and another dealing with dropout prevention and recovery charter schools

ODE Looks to Next Budget; Strategic Plan Nears Completion – Hannah

- Superintendent Paolo DeMaria primed the pump Monday for soon-to-begin discussions with the State Board of Education for recommendations on the next biennial budget, development of which will start under this administration but be taken over next year by a new governor

After Year of Work, State Board Passes Strategic Plan for Education – Hannah

- The State Board of Education voted Tuesday to approve its strategic plan titled "EachChild=OurFuture," which lays out a broad framework for the state's educational goals, strategies and guiding principles

Ohio Strategic Plan for Education - ODE

New Ohio School Plan: Equity, Social issues as Crucial as Math, Reading – Dayton Daily News

- The state school board's new strategic plan for Ohio education puts development of social skills and leadership on equal footing with literacy, math and other traditional academics

Emotional, Leadership and Critical Thinking Skills Are Officially Equal Goals for Ohio's Schools as Math and English – Cleveland Plain Dealer

- Ohio's schools should move away from their test-driven focus of the last several years toward helping the "whole child" develop emotional, reasoning, and leadership skills, the state school board decided Tuesday as it passed its new "strategic plan" calling for major changes in schools' approach

School Board Committee Defers Third Grade Cut Score Decision – Hannah

- Questions about the level of precision in differentiating among scores led a State Board of Education committee to delay for one month a decision on the new testing cutoff of the third grade reading guarantee. However, schools should still know the new cut score in July, as members said they plan to seek emergency consideration so the committee and full board can vote on it in the same month

School Board Panel Discusses Graduation, Extended Learning Standards – Hannah

- Members of the State Board of Education's Achievement and Graduation Committee discussed Monday how to stay on the same page with a graduation requirements workgroup and the Legislature as they try to design a new system for awarding diplomas

State Superintendent's Panel Mulls Alternate Pathways to Graduation – Hannah

- At Wednesday evening's meeting of the Graduation Advisory Committee led by Superintendent of Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria, education officials from around the state gathered to discuss alternate pathways to graduation

State Toughens Standards for Dropout Schools – Cleveland Plain Dealer

- The state school board on Tuesday passed higher standards for Invictus and the nearly 90 dropout intervention charter schools statewide, as Ohio continues refining how to measure schools that help the most struggling and at-risk students earn diplomas

Educator Credentials Ending This School Year Expire June 30; Time to Renew! – ODE

- June 30 is the expiration date for all educator licenses, permits and certificates that are scheduled to end this school year

Business and Higher Education Support the OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal – ODE

- The Ohio State University recently joined several Ohio businesses to express support for the OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal

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Joint Education Oversight Committee

JEOC June 27 Meeting Agenda - JEOC

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Ohio Education & Public Policy

Proposal to Merge Ohio Department of Education Put on Ice – Columbus Dispatch

- A bill pushed by Gov. John Kasich to put the Ohio Department of Education under the governor's direct control has been shelved

Smith 'Focused on Policy' after Speaker Election – Hannah

- As far as his priorities, Smith said he wants to continue a focus on jobs, workforce development, and particularly education. He said he wants to move legislation that allows for short-term certificates, that will help people get in-demand, good-paying jobs

As Yost, Others Press for Action, House Looking to Pass E-School Changes – Columbus Dispatch

- ECOT has been auctioned off in pieces, but the enrollment count issue that led to its downfall and is impacting other Ohio online schools so far remains unaddressed as state lawmakers prepare to head into a summer break

House Opens Hearings on E-School Regulation Bill – Hannah

- Reps. Keith Faber (R-Celina) and Bill Reineke (R-Tiffin) picked up Auditor Dave Yost's recommended changes to e-school oversight in a new bill Tuesday, presenting it to the House Education and Career Readiness Committee

DeWine Offering Drone Photos of Schools for Safety Plans – Columbus Dispatch

- The Bureau of Criminal Investigation's squadron of six drones, normally used to document crime scenes, now is available to take high-quality aerial photographs of buildings for inclusion in school safety plans

AG Expands School Safety Training, Emergency Plan Help – Hannah

- Attorney General Mike DeWine said Wednesday his office is expanding its offerings to help schools plan for emergencies, including armed attacks

AG, Joint Study Committee Release Guide to Effective Drug Prevention Programming – Hannah

- Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine Monday released the Drug Use Prevention Education Resource Guide aimed at helping schools implement effective drug use prevention programming

Ohio Attorney General's Drug Use Prevention Resource Guide – Ohio Attorney General

- To help schools develop comprehensive prevention services, the committee developed this guide, which walks school leaders through each facet of prevention education

House Clears Huge Calendar Including Addiction, Justice Bills – Hannah

- In another marathon session, the House voted on two dozen bills Wednesday as it continued to work through a raft of pending measures after the spring leadership impasse held up floor action for several weeks

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Ohio Postsecondary & Workforce Development

Incoming Ohio State Freshmen Line Up for University-Issued iPads – Columbus Dispatch

- Incoming freshmen filed into a room in the Drake Performance and Event Center on Monday morning, one of their first stops after checking in at orientation registration, to receive the Apple iPad they'll have with them throughout their time at Ohio State

Public Universities' Value far Exceeds Public Investment, Study Shows – Columbus Dispatch

- Ohio's public universities added billions to the state's economy in 2016-17, according to an economic impact study released

Report: Ohio Students, Taxpayers Receive Substantial Return on Investment in Higher Education – Hannah

- Despite the rising cost of higher education and growing student debt, both Ohio students and taxpayers profit from investment in its public universities, according to a new report from the Inter-University Council of Ohio (IUC)

Analysis of the Economic Impact and Return on Investment of Education: The Economic Value of the Public Universities of Ohio – Emsi

- Inter-University Council of Ohio's (IUC) public universities create a significant positive impact on the business community in Ohio and generate a return on investment to their major stakeholder groups

State Launches Partnership with Online College WGU – Hannah

- Dozens of staff, students and alumni of Western Governors University (WGU) gathered at the Statehouse Thursday to celebrate the launch of a new partnership aimed at expanding post-secondary education options for adult learners in the state

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Ohio Reports

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Federal & US Department of Education

Comprehensive Center Network Portal – USDOE

- Through a single website, the CC Network portal, anyone interested in learning more of the broad range of education initiatives funded by the U. S. Department of Education, through the Department's comprehensive centers, may examine the hundreds of efforts underway, or completed, through the nation's network of centers

Advocates Worried About Special Ed. Testing Waivers Under ESSA – EdWeek

- U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos has allowed nearly half of states to get wiggle room from a provision in the Every Student Succeeds Act aimed at making sure that only a small percentage of students are taking alternative tests reserved for children with the most significant cognitive disabilities

Trump Officially Proposes Merging U.S. Departments of Education, Labor – EdWeek

- President Donald Trump wants to combine the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Labor into a single agency focused on workforce readiness and career development

Four Things to Know About Trump's Plan to Merge Education, Labor Departments – Edweek

- So President Donald Trump has proposed merging the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Labor into a new U.S. Department of Education and the Workforce. There would be four new sub-agencies, focused on K-12, Higher Education/Workforce Development, Enforcement, and Research/Evaluation/Administration. But what exactly would that mean for educators? And will it actually happen? Here's a quick look at what educators need to know

Reshaping American Government in the 21st Century – The White House Office of Management and Budget

- The Administration's plan serves as a cornerstone for productive, bipartisan dialogue on realigning the Federal Government to more effectively operate in the 21st century

Statement from Secretary DeVos on the Government Reform Plan - USDOE

Janus, the Supreme Court, and Teachers' Unions: An Overview – EdWeek

- The U.S. Supreme Court is poised to deliver a major blow to teachers' unions. The upcoming ruling in Janus v. American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Council 31 will decide if teachers in about half of states still have to pay "agency" or "shop" fees if they're not union members

Supreme Court Rules That States May Collect Taxes on Out-of-State Retailers – EdWeek

- In a potentially major boost to the coffers of states, cities, and school districts, the U.S. Supreme Court on Thursday cleared the way for the enforcement of sales taxes on Internet purchases from retailers that don't have a physical presence in a state

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Education Policy & Finance

Investing In Innovation 'Gems' Show Tricky Path for Districts Using Evidence under ESSA – EdWeek

- Few of the hundreds of programs proposed under the federal Investing in Innovation, or i3, program ultimately led to significant interventions—but those that did provide a window into what it will take for school districts to really use evidence to improve student learning

To Stem Likely Membership Losses, Teachers' Unions Play Offense – Edweek

- When teachers are first hired, they have paperwork to fill out and meetings to attend. This fall, new hires in a growing number of states can add another to-do to their lists: meet with a teachers' union representative

Average Teacher Salary Is Below the Living Wage in Half the Country, Report Says – EdWeek

- In more than half the states, the average teacher is not making a living wage, a new report says. In this report, researchers at the nonprofit Education Resource Strategies make the case for a redesign of education spending and teacher compensation. Too often, researchers charge, states are not providing enough resources to schools—but even when they are, districts are not always allocating the resources in a way that best serves the teaching profession

Rethinking Regulation: Overseeing Performance in a Diversifying Educational Ecosystem – EdChoice

- Real deregulation is about much more than simply getting rid of regulations. It is about focusing the government on the things that it can do well

Addressing the Gap Between Education Research and Practice – Center for American Progress

- This issue brief attempts to address the research-practice gap in the education space. First, it describes some challenges in applying research to educational practice. It then outlines research-practice partnerships (RPPs)—mutually beneficial collaborations between research scientists and education leaders that can narrow the gap between research and practice. Finally, the brief proposes the creation of state-level education capacity centers, which would help leaders in state and local education departments use research to inform practice

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Educator Effectiveness

A Policymaker's Playbook for Transforming Teaching – FutureEd

- In A Policymaker's Playbook: Transforming Public School Teaching in the Nation's Capital, FutureEd Director Thomas Toch explores how DCPS has transformed teaching into a performance-based profession over the past decade

What Other Countries Can Teach the U.S. About Teacher Professional Development – EdWeek

- A new report from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development suggests that specific types of preservice training and professional development may be less related to student achievement than the content and priorities of these programs

'An Expensive Experiment': Gates Teacher-Effectiveness Program Shows No Gains for Students – EdWeek

- The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's multi-million-dollar, multi-year effort aimed at making teachers more effective largely fell short of its goal to increase student achievement—including among low-income and minority students, a new study found

Increasing the Supply of Qualified High School Teachers for Dual Enrollment Programs: An Overview of State and Regional Accreditor Policies – Midwestern Higher Education Compact/ECS

- Seven types of state strategies were identified for increasing the supply of qualified high school teachers: (1) providing general program support; (2) offering financial aid for high school instructors to complete graduate credits; (3) incentivizing professional development through teacher bonuses; (4) increasing awareness of graduate program options; (5) requiring state reporting of teachers attending training and support programs; (6) employing tested experience models; and (7) utilizing alternative course delivery models to facilitate the completion of graduate credits

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Digital Convergence

As Demand for Online Schools Grows, So Does Need for Accurate Evaluation – THE Journal

- A recent national study by NEPC shows enrollment in full-time virtual schools and blended schools (online and face-to-face instruction) increasing at a rapid pace. According to the study, in the 2016-2017 school year, 17,000 more students enrolled in an online school than the previous year, and

80,000 more students enrolled in a blended learning program during the same period

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Personalized Learning Frameworks

A National Landscape Scan of Personalized Learning in K-12 Education in the United States – iNACOL

- This publication provides findings from a national survey of teachers and students to underscore how, and to what extent, core elements of personalized learning are taking hold in K-12 schools and districts across the United States

Personalized Learning at a Crossroads – Center on Reinventing Public Education

- Lessons from the Next Generation Systems Initiative and the Regional Funds for Breakthrough Schools Initiative

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Tech Infrastructure

How to Protect Sensitive Data in SaaS Applications – EdTech K-12

- More professionals and students use Software as a Service (SaaS) on a daily basis. It's not a question of whether to use cloud storage to back up information so much as it is to determine which solution will provide the safely guarded flexibility users expect

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Charter Schools

Rooted in Opportunity: The Walton Family Foundation's Approach to Starting and Growing High-Quality Schools – Walton Family Foundation

- This report details what the Walton Family Foundation is doing to support leaders developing the schools, classrooms and teaching methods of the future, and, just as important, offers portraits of what that good work looks like in real life. We are fueling the growth of great public charter schools as well as new routes to excellent school creation — public charter, district and private

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Dropout Prevention & Re-Engaging Youth

Blueprint for Accountability Systems for Alternative High Schools – Center for American Progress

- Recent analyses show that without meaningful accountability, traditional school districts may push struggling students into low-quality alternative schools.² The analysis shared in this report suggests that measures used to hold these schools accountable may over-identify failure and under-identify success

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Special Education

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English Learners

English-Learners Aren't 'Perpetually Struggling,' We Just Aren't Gauging Their Progress, Study Finds – EdWeek

- Current and former English-language learners have made significant progress in the past 15 years on the test dubbed the "Nation's Report Card"—improving faster than English-only students. That's the takeaway from a study released this morning in the journal *Education Researcher*. Michael Kieffer, an associate professor at New York University, and Karen Thompson, an assistant professor at Oregon State University, found that 4th and 8th grade multilingual students' scores on the National Assessment of Educational Progress in math and reading have risen two to three times faster since 2003 than those of students who speak only English at home

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School Safety & Discipline

Video Games? Media? Bullying? No Single Cause for School Shootings, Experts Tell Safety Commission – EdWeek

- One-by-one, experts speaking to a federal school safety commission addressed factors commonly blamed for school shootings: bullying, mental health issues, violent video games, and media coverage. All of those issues require a thoughtful, research-based response, the panelists told the commission, chaired by U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos, but tackling any single factor alone will not be enough to eliminate school violence

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Mental Health & Wellness

Growing Pressures Feed Kids' Mental Health Issues, Expert Says – Columbus Dispatch

- It's not your imagination, or mere nostalgia for the good ol' days: Today's children and teens have more mental-health problems than earlier generations. The reason is a mix of social, environmental and even dietary factors, but the problem is growing, said experts speaking Wednesday to the Columbus Metropolitan Club

Teens Take Fewer Risks with Sex and Drugs But Face New Challenges = 6 USA Today

- Today's high school students have less sex and take fewer drugs than those of decades past, but they face some newly recognized risks, including misuse of pain pills, according to a report released

20% of Educators Say They've Been Sexually Harassed or Assaulted at Work – EdWeek

- The #MeToo movement has felled the careers of some of the most celebrated and influential men in the country while exposing the pervasiveness of sexual harassment and assault in industry after industry. As more women come forward, it seems no place is immune: whether it be inside Hollywood, the Washington Beltway, or the news room. The same is true, it turns out, of the schoolhouse

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Social-Emotional Learning

How (and Why) Ed-Tech Companies Are Tracking Students' Feelings – EdWeek

- It's just one example of a growing push to use educational technology to measure, monitor, and modify students' emotions, mindsets, and ways of

thinking. The trend is provoking strong and conflicting reactions throughout the K-12 world

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Career- and Postsecondary-Readiness

New Skills for Youth: Building Pathways to Success – JP Morgan Chase

- The initiative will provide a select group of state and local partnerships with the opportunity to design and implement rigorous, demand-driven education systems that dramatically increase the number of students who complete career pathways beginning in secondary school and culminating in valuable postsecondary credentials

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Postsecondary & Workforce Development

Report Urges Adoption of 'Demand Driven Education' – Education DIVE

- The Demand Driven Education report says higher education has had stages of reform that first focused on access for all types of students and then their success. Now, the report says, it should turn attention to better preparing students for jobs available now and that will develop in the future

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Curriculum

A Bold Effort to End Algebra Tracking Shows Promise – EdWeek

- Part of an ambitious project to end the relentless assignment of underserved students into lower-level math, the city now requires all students to take math

courses of equal rigor through geometry, in classrooms that are no longer segregated by ability. That means no "honors" classes. No gifted track. No weighted GPAs until later in high school. No 8th grade Algebra 1

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District Leaders Seek Interoperability to Access Data Educators Need – EdWeek

- With many districts running up to 100 ed-tech applications—most operating within a closed ecosystem of their own data—that kind of access to cross-reference pieces of information about students is often impossible for schools

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Leadership

The Pre-K-8 School Leader in 2018: A 10-Year Study – NAESP/UCEA

- The Pre-K-8 School Leader in 2018: A 10-Year Study is the ninth in this series of research studies, and it imparts new information about the current education climate; the challenges veteran, early career, and assistant principals face; the students they serve; and the conditions under which they work

School Leadership: A Primer for Policymakers – ECS

- Because principals are key to teacher and student success, it is important for states to develop policies that support them throughout their careers — from preparation to evaluation and ongoing support. By first adopting strong school leadership standards and further aligning policies with these standards, states can help ensure effective principals lead more schools — and the teachers and students within those schools

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International Benchmarking

What Other Countries Can Teach the U.S. About Teacher Professional Development -- EdWeek

- A new report from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development suggests that specific types of preservice training and professional development may be less related to student achievement than the content and priorities of these programs

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Ohio Legislation Update

(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)

HOUSE

HB3 DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations

STATUS: House Finance Committee – Reported out

HB8 PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 29-0; House concurs, Vote 88-0

HB14AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee